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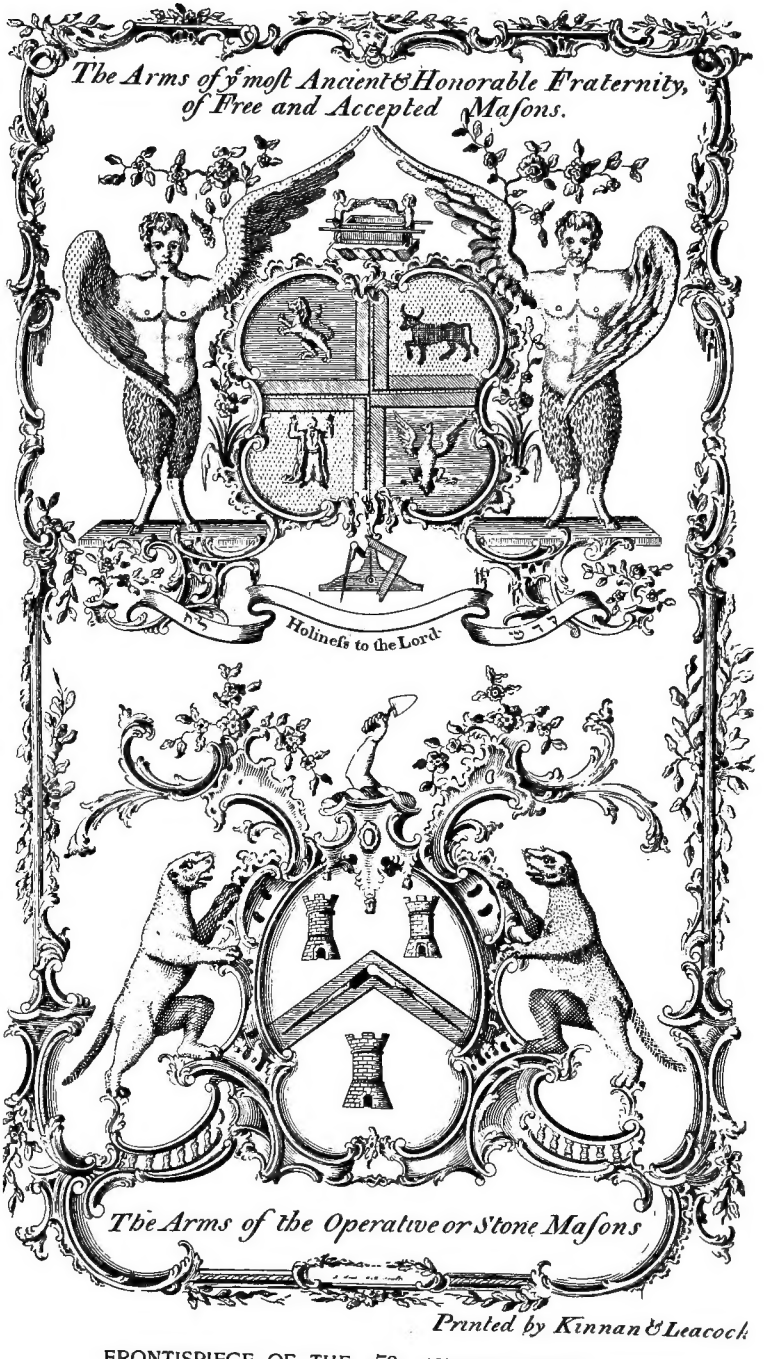

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PREFACE.

On St. John's Day, 1894, Brother Matthias H. Henderson, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, said in an address delivered to the Grand Lodge:

"A few years ago the Library Committee undertook the publication of the minutes of the Grand Lodge from the earliest existing records, which are those of July 29, 1779, and proceeded with the work up to and including the minutes of September 5, 1808, when it was discontinued. The publication as far as it proceeded did not entail one dollar of expense upon the Grand Lodge, the cost being defrayed by individual Brethren who subscribed to the fund, and who were supplied with the numbers as they were issued. The failure of a sufficient number to continue their subscription caused the abandonment of the work. It was undertaken by the Library Committee purely as a labor of love. They received no remuneration, nor did they wish for any, the subscription being placed at a figure which barely covered the cost of paper and printing. The importance of continuing this work may not be apparent at the first glance, but can be easily demonstrated.

"The care taken of our records by our Grand Secretary and his corps of assistants is no doubt all that could be desired; but while but one copy of them is in existence, they are in danger of destruction, which would cause embarrassment to the Grand Lodge, and be an irreparable loss to the Masonic history of this jurisdiction. Accidents by fire, flood, invasion, or rebellion, or damage by decay, may seem very remote at present; but who can foretell what may happen?—and is it not wise to take measures for their preservation when it is in our power to do so? If our records were printed and distributed among many holders, their total extinction could not occur. I trust sufficient encouragement will be given the Library Committee to induce them to again undertake the work and prosecute it to completion. Past experience has shown that private subscriptions cannot be relied on for this encouragement, and I submit to you whether the Grand Lodge would not be justified in appropriating the amount, not a large one, which it would require. The material and workmen are ready, and if the money is provided the work will proceed. This expenditure would not be without some return. More or less of the numbers would be bought as soon as issued, and, as their value became appreciated, there would be such a demand for them that I believe the Grand Lodge would eventually be fully reimbursed. It would be an interesting and valuable addition to our Masonic literature."

As considerable matter contained in the minute books was not printed in the volume referred to, the Library Committee, after consulting with the Grand Master, Brother Matthias H. Henderson, concluded that it would be better to begin with the earliest book in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and print the minutes as fully as possible. The preface of the minute book itself explains why this is the oldest book in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

There is undoubted evidence of Masonic Lodges in Pennsylvania as early at least as 1730, as the following from the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of December 8, 1730, shows:

"As there are several Lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry, from London, will not be unacceptable to our readers."

Also the following from the *Pennsylvania Gazette, No. 187, from Monday, June 19, to Monday, June 26, 1732,* in relation to a Grand Lodge:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 26.

"Saturday last being St. John's Day, a Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Tun Tavern in Water Street, when, after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province for the year ensuing, who was pleased to appoint Mr. William Pringle, Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin."

In the preparation of this volume care has been taken to preserve as fully as possible the orthography, as well as the quaint style in which the minutes are recorded, in order to give the Brethren as nearly as can be an exact reproduction of these old minutes.

An index has been added, which will greatly enhance the value of the work, as it will enable any one to find every mention of a Lodge in which he is interested, without reading the whole volume. In view of the fact that every year Lodges are celebrating the centennial anniversary of their organization and preparing Lodge histories, this index will prove particularly valuable.

Succeeding volumes will be issued as fast as practicable, and when completed, every Brother can possess the complete records of the Grand Lodge.

Minutes and Proceedings

of the

Grand Lodge

Of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

Of Free and Accepted Masons.

According to the Old Institution

In Pennsylvania

And the Adjacent Districts of America

therewith United in

Masonic Jurisdiction

Wm. Moore Smith Grand Sec.

PREFACE.

THE former Minutes of this Grand Lodge being either mislaid or carried away by some Enemies to the Royal Art, during the Confusions of the present War, it has been found necessary to open new Books of Minutes and proceedings, tho' under all the Disadvantages of wanting the ancient Forms and Precedents, yet in hope of recovering them by Means of any faithful Brother into whose hands they may in future chance to fall, and trusting that by a due Regard to the fundamental Rules of the Royal Art, which are invariable and stand fast forever, no considerable Mistake can be made, in the following Entries, either respecting the form or the Substance.

PHILADELPHIA.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, July 29th, 5779.

Grand Lodge open'd in ample form.

The Right Wpfull Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master, in the Chair.

Brethren: Gibbs, Jones,
Wm. C. Bradford,
No. 2.
Th. Dewees,
L. Farmer,
Jona. Smith,
No. 3.

Brn. Boyle,
Page,
Clark,
Matt. Whitehead,
Stephen Cronen,
No. 4.
Colonel Jno. Bull,
No. 8.
Ja. S. Howell,
Peter Baynton, Esqr.,
No. 13.

Upon a request made by Brs. Jacob S. Howell, P. Baynton, and Alr. Nesbitt, to be constituted Officers of a New Lodge, to be held in this City; their request was unanimously granted, and accordingly Br. Howell was installed Master of No. 13, and Br. Peter Baynton his Senior Warden, Br. Nesbitt's business not permitting him to attend.

An Address was received from Lodge No. 17, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, setting forth an Inconvenience they labor under by means of the late and present Exigencies of the times having prevented them from meeting for a considerable time, and requesting Advice and Instruction how to proceed. The matter was taken into consideration, and unanimously agreed that they be instructed to resume the proper Business of their Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary, pro tempore, do

furnish them with proper Instructions together with a Copy of this Minute.

Col. Bull, Master of No. 8, personally made an application similar to the foregoing; it was unanimously agreed that No. 8 be again revived, and that the Grand Secretary, pro tempore, signify the same to Col. Bull.

Lodge closed in due harmony at 8 o'clock.

STEPN. CRONEN, G. Sec., pro tem.

PHILADELPHIA, October 22d, 5779.

At a meeting of the subscribers, Masters of regular Lodges in Philadelphia, at Br. Boyle's house, to consider the Expediency of collecting the different officers of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, in Order to comply with the late Resolves of the Grand Lodge, respecting the necessity of choosing Grand Officers before St. John's Day next, some of the present members being anxious to resign.

They unanimously agreed that the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Grand Secretary, pro tempore, to summon the different Lodges under his Jurisdiction as soon as possible, as it hath been resolved that a Grand Communication be held on the Sixth day of December next.

Resolv'd further, that the Worshipful Masters of No. 2, 3, 4 and 13, wait upon the Rt. Wpful Grand Master and acquaint him with the proceedings of this Evening, and to assure him of their hearty and sincere Wishes for the Good of the Royal Craft, and their Determination to act with him as far as in their power lies for its general prosperity.

ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD, Mr.,	No. 2.
THOS. DEWEES,	3.
ALEX. BOYLE,	4.
JAC. S. HOWELL,	13.
MATT. SMITH,	21.

Agreeably to the above Request I do hereby appoint our Rev$^{d.}$ Brother W$^{m.}$ Smith, D. D., Provost of the College, etc., our Grand Sec$^{y.,}$ p. t., till the Grand Lodge shall meet in General Communication, And I do request our said Rev$^{d.}$ Brother to accept the said appointment and act in all things as Grand Secretary to the Warrant now in my possession, and that he will be pleased to prepare Circular Letters to the different Lodges requesting each of them to attend by their Officers with their Warrant, Books and Dues on a certain Day, &c.

Given, &c., at Philad$^{a.,}$ Oct$^{r.}$ 30^{th,} 5779.

W$^{M.}$ Ball, Grand Master.

In pursuance of the above appointment, the following Circular Notice was sent to the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge :—

The W^{p}full Master and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge N$^{o.}$ — are requested to meet the R. W. Grand Master at Philad$^{a.,}$ on the 20$^{th.}$ day of Dec$^{r.,}$ at which time he proposes to hold a General Communication of all the Lodges under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, agreeable to the late Resolve of a Grand Lodge held in this City to chuse Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in conformity to the ancient and laudable usage of the hon. fraternity of *free and accepted Masons.* At which time you are directed to produce your Warrant and Book of transactions and to pay all acknowledgments due from you to this Grand Lodge.—By order &c.

W$^{M.}$ Smith, G. Sec.

Philadelphia, December 18th, 5779.

Grand Lodge open'd in due form.

The R$^{t.}$ W^{p}full W$^{M.}$ Ball, Esq$^{r.,}$ Grand Master in the Chair.

B$^{r.}$ A. Boyle, D. G. M$^{r.,}$ p. tem., M$^{r.,}$ No. 4.

W. Shute, S. G. W., p. tem.

Br. J. Howard, J. G. W., p. tem.
Wm. Smith, Grand Secy.
Jac. S. Howell, S. G. D., p. tem.
St. Cronen, J. G. D., p. tem.

Brs. Alex. Rutherford Mr., No. 2.
Tho. Dewees, Mr.,
Lew Farmer, S. W.,
Smith, J. W., No. 3.

Brs. Wm. Rasin, Mr., Stewart S. W.,
W. Forrester, J. W., No. 6.

Whereas, at a former Grand Lodge, it was duly determined and ordered that a Lodge No. 22, be constituted in the town of Sunbury and County of Northumberland, in this State, and a Warrant having been accordingly granted, to our Brothers Stephen Chambers, Henry Starret, and John Chatham, as Masters and Wardens thereof; Our said Brother Chambers now appearing and requesting to be install'd Master of the said Lodge, he was installed accordingly in due and ancient Form, after which Br. Chambers returned to the Grand Lodge the Warrant of No. 9, according to an order formerly made.

Closed in due harmony, to meet at the Grand Lodge at 10 o'clock on Monday next to attend the General Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20th, 5779.

Grand Lodge of Communication opened in due form with pray'rs by the G. Secy. and an anthem by Brs. Whitehead and Diegel.

The Rt. Wpful Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master, in the Chair.

John Coats, Dy. Gd. Mr.
Wm. Shute, S. G. W.
John Howard, J. G. W.
Wm. Smith, G. Secy.
Step. Cronen, S. G. D.
Bernard, J. G. D.

Brs. Alex. Rutherford, Mr., No. 2.

Brs. Jac. S. Howell, Mr., Peter Baynton, S. W.,

Brs. Thos. Dewees, Masr.,
Ls. Farmer, S. W.,
Jon Smith, J. W.,
No. 3.
A. Boyle, Masr.,
Page, S. W.,
No. 4.
Magraw, Masr.,
Shields, S. W.,
Curtz, J. W.,
No. 5.
Wm. Rasin, Masr.,
Alex. Stuart, S. W.,
Forrester, P. Mr.,
No. 6.
No. 7, Absent.
Jno. Davis, S. W.,
No. 8.
No. 13.
Jas. Gilmer, Masr.,
Jno. Herdman, S. W.,
No. 14.
Saml. Wright, S. W.,
No. 17.
McCall, S. W.,
P. B. Fleury, J. W.,
Mark McCall, P. Masr.,
No. 18.
Matt. Smith, Mr.,
No. 21.
Ste. Chambers, Mr.,
No. 22.
Brs. Matt. Whitehead,
Jacob Diegel,
past Masters.

The Warrants of the different Lodges whose Officers were present were produced in due form, and found to be regular and genuine, excepting No. 14 and 18, which were forgot.

The Worshipful Master of No. 2 produced his Warrant, granted June 7th, 1758, No. 69 of ancient York Masons, in England, but held as No. 2 in Pennsylvania, and desired the same might be renew'd under the Authority of this Grand Lodge, preserving the precedency of the said No. 2 in Pennsylvania, and reciting the Date and preamble of the same, which was agreed to.

The Lodge then proceeded to the Election of a Grand Master, and a motion being made and seconded that the present Right Worshipful Grand Master, William Ball, Esqr., whose former Good Government the Grand Lodge do unanimously approve of and thank him for, wou'd do them the Great Kindness to continue in his Office another year, to which his Worship consented, and was proclaimed and Saluted in due form.

The Grand Master then proceeded according to his inherent Right to nominate a Deputy Grand Master, and having nom-

inated Brother Coats, as D. G. Master, he was unanimously approved and proclaimed, installed, and saluted as such accordingly.

The Lodge then proceeded to the Election of other Grand Officers, when Br. Alexr. Rutherford was elected Senior Grand Warden; Jacob Samuel Howell, Junior Grand Warden; Brother John Wood, Grand Treasurer; and William Smith, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Wardens were then installed, after which the Lodge was called off to Refreshment.

Lodge again opened in due form.

A Motion was made and Seconded that a new Edition of the Book of Constitutions be prepared for the press, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secy., Br. Young, Treasurer of No. 2, Br. Bernard of No. 3, Br. Whitehead of No. 4, and Br. Leaming of No. 13, were appointed a Committee to revise and prepare the Constitution for the Press, and lay it before the next Quarterly Communication, leaving out what may be superfluous.

It being found difficult from the Loss of Books and other papers to ascertain what the different Lodges should pay according to the Laws towards the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, it was agreed that for arrears due, each Lodge give what they may think reasonable towards the Charity in proportion to their numbers and abilities, and for the future to pay according to the Laws.

Lodge No. 2, by their Master agreed to give	.	£100
" No. 3,	. . . . .	£100
" No. 4, to make return to next Grand Lodge.		
" No. 5,	. . . . .	£100
" No. 6, by their Master	. . . .	£150
" No. 7, absent.		
" No. 8, to report to next Quarterly Communication.		
" Nos. 10, 11, and 12, absent.		
" No. 13, to report to next Quarterly Communication.		

Lodge N°. 14, having been greatly harassed .		£ 50
" N°. 15, absent.		
" N°. 16, to report to next Quarterly Commun^n.		
" N°. 17, p^d. B^r. Coats, ...		£112 10
" N°. 18, do		£100
" N°. 19 and 20, absent.		
" N°. 21, being young, paid B^r. Coats £37 10s. as a Gratuity, which with £20, formerly paid for the Warrant to B^r. Cronen, and by him paid B^r. Coats, makes £57 10 .		£ 57 10
" N°. 22, just constituted and nothing due, but p^d. B^r. Coats for warrant, and as an acknowledgement, ...		£ 20

Sundry late Regulations of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, transmitted to this Grand Lodge, were read, with a printed Book of Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, to serve as Models for private Lodges, which were deposited among the papers of this Lodge.

It was proposed that a new sett of Bye-Laws for this Grand Lodge and the Government of the different Lodges under its Jurisdiction be prepared against next Quarterly Communication, and those Bretheren of the Lodges in this City, and of such other Lodges as can attend, who shall be the last Past Masters after St. John's day next, with the last Past Senior and Junior Wardens of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary, be a Committee for this purpose.

A Petition from Isaiah Wool and five other Bretheren from Monmouth County, in New Jersey, praying a Warrant for holding a new Lodge was read, and their Petition was unanimously granted, and a Warrant will be made out when they shall have elected the proper officers.

A petition from George Prades, a brother in distress, was read and referred to a meeting of this Lodge to-morrow.

It was moved, Seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the thanks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge be return'd to the Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens for their Faithful and Skilfull services in their Offices, and the thanks of this Lodge was return'd accordingly.

Closed in due Harmony, at 8 o'clock, to meet again tomorrow, 10 o'clock A. M.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21st, 5779.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

The R. W. Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master, in the Chair.

John Coats, Esq., D. G. Mr.
Alexr. Rutherford, S. G. W.
Ja. S. Howell, J. G. W.
Saml. Wright, G. Sec., pro tempore.
Step. Cronen, S. G. D.
Bernard, J. G. D.
Brother John Howard, past S. G. W.
Alr. Boyle, past J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 18 represented.

The humble Petition of Geo. Prades, a foreigner, a distressed, indigent Brother (as appears from said Petition), was read, praying Relief from this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Brs. Bernard and Howard were appointed a Committee to inquire into his Necessity, and the Propriety of his application, and to contribute to his Relief, as to them may appear reasonable, not exceeding 100 dollars.

The Warrant of No. 16 was produced and found legal and genuine, bearing Date, 21st of Sept. 5779 and also a letter from Br. Tho. Russell, Mr. of No. 16, deliver'd by Brother Bernard. A letter from No. 15 at Baltimore, Bror. Abraham Jackson, Master praying Indulgence for Br. Bernard to represent them in the Grand Lodge was likewise read.

These letters from No. 15 and No. 16 were unanimously approved of as satisfactory, and it was ordered that the Rt. Wp full Grand Secretary be requested to answer them.

The Warrant of No. 18 was this day produced by Br. McCall, P. Mr.

On motion by the R. W. Dy. Grand Master—

Resolv'd, that the Grand Sec^y. be directed to write to N°. 7, and every other Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, who appear to have neglected the Orders of this Grand Lodge according to the proceedings of yesterday.

And Whereas, several illegal, irregular and unconstitutional Proceedings of N°. 7 have been represented to this Grand Lodge, in admitting Members rejected by other Lodges, and recommending candidates as worthy after they themselves had rejected them. The Grand Secretary is directed to write to them accordingly.

On motion, Resolv'd, That the Transactions of N°. 5, respecting their determining the internal police of their own Lodge exclusive of all superior Jurisdiction whatever, be erazed, such Determination being unconstitutional and repugnant to the fundamental Rules and true Order of Masonry.

Resolv'd that the next Quarterly Meeting be held on the last Monday in March.

Closed in due Harmony.

PHILAD^A, Decr. 29th, 1779.

Grand Lodge of Emergency, open'd in ample form.

The R. W. JOHN COATS, Esqr., D. G. M^r., in the Chair.

Alex^r. Rutherford, D. G. M., pro tempore.
Jac. S. Howell, S. G. W., "
Bernard, J. G. W., "
Step. Cronen, G. S., "
Alex^r. Boyle, S. G. D.
Henderson, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 4, 13 and 23 represented.

Agreeable to the Unanimous Resolution of this Grand Lodge, to grant a Warrant for a New Lodge, to be held at Middleton, in Monmouth County, in New Jersey, Brother W^m. Bostwich, the Master elect, received his Warrant, N°. 23, and was accordingly install'd Master, and saluted in proper

form. He was instructed how to install Br. Isaiah Wool, S. Warden, and Br. John Motte, Jr. Warden, of said Lodge.

Lodge closed at ½ past 7 o'clock in due harmony.

PHILADELPHIA, January 7th, 5780.

Grand Lodge of Emergency, open'd in due form, at half past six o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master, in the Chair.

Alexr. Rutherford, S. G. W.
Jac. S. Howell, J. G. W.
Wm. Smith, G. Sec.
Matt. Hand, S. G. D.
W. C. Bradford, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3 and 4 represented.

It was consider'd what should be the Fees of the Grand Lodge upon granting Warrants for New Lodges,—Ordered, That in lieu of the old dues, the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, Current Money, be for the present substituted, and one-fifth of the said sum to the Grand Secretary, besides Parchment and engrossing.

Order'd, that Brother Dean prepare a new Set of Books for the Grand Lodge, and that some blank Certificates be prepared.

A petition from a number of bretheren in Cumberland County, praying a Warrant for holding a Lodge in that County, was read and ordered to lie over for the Determination of the next Grand Lodge.

Ordered that Fifty Copies of the Minutes of the Grand Communication be printed, and sent to the different Lodges under the Grand Lodge, with Extracts of such Proceedings of this Grand Lodge since that time, as concerns the Lodges in General.

Closed in Due Harmony, 8 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, 13th of Jany, 5780.

Grand Lodge of Emergency opened in due form at 7 o'cl'k, P. M.

The Rt. Wrp. JOHN COATS, Esqr., D. G. M., in the Chair.
Alexr. Rutherford, D. G. M., pro tempore.
Jac. S. Howell, S. G. W. "
Step. Cronen, J. G. W.
Wm. Smith, G. Secy.
Smith, S. G. D., p. tem.
M. Hand, J. G. D., p. tem.

This Lodge being called by Order of the Grand Master, upon the Request of Sundry Bretheren, and also in pursuance of a Motion made at the last General Communication, to consider the Propriety as well as the necessity of appointing a Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, as the Correspondence which the Rules of Masonry require cannot now be carried on with the Grand Lodge of London, under whose Jurisdiction the Grand Lodges in these States were originally constituted; The Ballot was put upon the Question: Whether it be for the Benefit of Masonry that "a Grand Master of Masons thro'out the United States" shall be now nominated on the part of this Grand Lodge; and it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

Sundry respectable Bretheren being then put in nomination, it was moved that the Ballot be put for them separately, and His Excellency George Washington, Esquire, General and Commander-in-chief of the Armies of the United States being first in nomination, he was ballotted for accordingly as Grand Master, and Elected by the unanimous vote of the whole Lodge.

Ordered, That the minutes of this Election and appointment be transmitted to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, and their Concurrence therein be requested, in Order that application be made to his Excellency in due form, praying that he will do the Bretheren and Craft the honor of accepting their appointment. A Committee was appointed to expedite the Business.

Resolv'd, That the Masters of the four Lodges, together with the Grand Secretary, be a Committee to inform themselves of the number of Grand Lodges in America and the Names of their Officers, and to prepare the Circular Letters to be sent them as directed above, with all Expedition.

A letter from N°. 7 at Chester Town, Maryland, was read which was deemed satisfactory for their neglect of attendance at the last General Communication.

The Petition for a New Lodge in the County of Cumberland came again under consideration, and the Grand Secretary is directed to acquaint the proposed Officers, that on their personal application, or the personal application of the Master elect, and satisfying the Grand Lodge of all necessary requisites a Warrant will be granted according to the Pray'r of the Petition.

Closed in Due Harmony, 8 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, 26th Jany, 5780.

Grand Lodge of Emergency open'd in due form.

The Rt. Wpfull Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master.

The R. W. John Coats, D. G. M., in the Chair, by Desire of the G. M.

Alr. Rutherford, S. G. W.
Ja. S. Howell, J. G. W.
Wm. Smith, G. S.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 8 represented.

A Petition from a number of Bretheren of the Town of Reading, and County of Berks, was read, praying a Warrant for erecting and holding a new Lodge for the said Town and a convenient Distance round the same.

The Question was then put whether the different private Lodges under the Warrant of this Grand Lodge may be represented herein by Proxy, and it was resolv'd in the affirmative.

The Question was then put, Who should be admitted as

Proxy? and it was determined that none but a Master Mason, being a Resident or honorary Member of the Lodge he is deputed to represent, can be admitted as a Proxy for such Lodge, or have a voice in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

It is Order'd that every Brother applying for a Grand Lodge Certificate, besides the Secretary's Fee, shall pay the Cost of the Parchment and printing his Certificate, so that the Grand Lodge be at no Expense thereby.

The Ballot being put whether the Petition from Reading be granted, the same was unanimously agreed to, and it was order'd that a Warrant be made out for constituting a New Lodge at Reading to be number'd 24.

Brother Jonathan Potts, the proposed Master of the new Lodge, No. 24, being introduced and found duly qualified, was regularly installed as Master of the said new Lodge, to be held in the Town of Reading, and five Miles round the same, and the Grand Secretary is Order'd to prepare a Warrant accordingly.

Closed in due Harmony, 9 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, the 10th of Feby, 5780.

Grand Lodge of Emergency open'd in due form.

The R. W. JOHN COATS, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Alexr. Rutherford, S.G.W., D.G.M., pro tempore.
Jac. S. Howell, J. G. W., S. G. W., pro tempore.
John Howard, J. G. W., pro tempore.
Wm. Smith, G. Secy.
Wood, G. Treasurer.
Col. J. Bull, S. G. D.
Col. Th. Procter, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 8 and 19 represented.

This Grand Lodge was called at the desire of our worthy Brother, the Right Worshipfull John Coats, D. Gd. Master, who

after a proper and affectionate Address to the Bretheren, acquainted them that he was under the painful Necessity of removing into another State, at a Distance from the seat of the Grand Lodge, but that wherever he might be settled he wou'd at all times exert his utmost Endeavors to serve the Cause of Masonry and every Brother in particular. He signified at the same time his Desire of having a Warrant for collecting and holding a new Lodge in the County of , in the State of Maryland, where he is going to reside.

The Members of the Grand Lodge express their affectionate Concern for parting with their worthy Brother, the Deputy Grand Master, from whose great Learning and knowledge in the Masonic Art, and his Zeal to promote the same, the Royal Craft has received Great Benefit, and they unanimously agreed that when our Worthy Brother Coats shall think proper to apply for a Warrant and recommend his Officers, this Grand Lodge will most cheerfully grant the same.

Brother Coats at the same time settled with the Grand Treasurer for the sum of £489, paid into his hands as by minutes of the last General Communication, and paid the Balance to the Treasurer, and also delivered the Vouchers for what he had laid out by Order of the Lodge.

A Letter from Brother J. Shallus was read, mentioning sundry worthy Bretheren who are desirous of a Warrant for a New Lodge, to be held at Bristol, and the Characters of the Brethren mentioned, viz.: Clarke, Benezet, Palmer, and McIlvaine being well known to this Grand Lodge, our Brother Howell, J. G. W., to whom their Letter was addressed, is desired to acquaint them, that when they apply by Petition in due form for a Warrant, the same will be granted to them.

Brother Procter, Master of N°. 19, has generously paid as an acknowledgment to this Grand Lodge, £150—the Receipt of which is acknowledged by the Grand Treasurer—Brother Procter also offer'd very satisfactory Reasons for not attending the last general Quarterly Communication having been detain'd by Business of a public nature.

The new Warrant of the ancient Lodge N°. 2, being fairly and beautifully engrossed, agreeably to the Orders of a former

Grand Lodge, was produced and signed in the Words following:

To all whom it may concern:

WHEREAS, by a Warrant bearing Date the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1758, and of Masonry 5758, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, in the City of London, supersigned by the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable, William, Earl of Blessington, Grand Master, William Holford, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Robert Goodman, Senior Grand Warden, William Osborne, Junior Grand Warden, and undersigned, Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary, with the approbation and Consent of Forty-seven regular York Lodges, the following Brethren, viz.: the Worshipful George Brook, Master, Joseph Croker, Senior Warden, and John Macauley, Junior Warden (with their lawful assistants), were authorized and appointed to hold a Lodge of free and accepted Masons in the City of Philadelphia, or elsewhere, in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in the said Lodge, when duly congregated, to admit, enter, and make Masons according to the Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World; and also with the further Right, Privilege, and Authority to nominate, chuse, and instal their Successors, and them to invest with the like Power, Authority and Dignity to nominate, chuse, and instal their Successors forever, as by the said Warrant, reference being hereunto had, may more fully appear. And, Whereas, the said Warrant, which was Registered as N°. 69 of Ancient York Masons, in England, but has been held as N°. 2 in Pennsylvania (being the eldest Warrant under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons which is now in this State), hath been surrendered up to us, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by the present Officers and Bretheren of the said Lodge N°. 2, praying that the same may be renew'd, establishing and confirming them and their Successors (under the Authority of this Grand Lodge) in the Rank, Dignity, Preheminence, and Masonic Privileges to which they are duly entitled by their said former Warrant, inasmuch as the Present Situation of

affairs permits them not to hold that Correspondence with the Grand Lodge, from whence they derived their Original Authority, which the laudable customs and rules of Masonry require.

Now, be it known, to all whom it may Concern, That we, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the District of America, associated and united under Our Authority, viz.: The Right Worshipful William Ball, Esqr., Grand Master, John Coats, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master, M^r. Alexander Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden, and M^r. Jacob Samuel Howell, Junior Grand Warden, with the full Authority and Consent of Twenty-four Regular Lodges under our Jurisdiction, Do hereby renew and confirm to our trusty and well-beloved Bretheren Jacob Bankson, Esqr., Master, M^r. Samuel Jervis, Senior Warden, M^r. William Cornelius Bradford, Junior Warden, and the other regular and lawful Members of the said Lodge N°. 2, of Ancient York Masons, in Philadelphia, and to their true and lawful successors for ever, all the Masonic Rights, Privileges, Authority, Jurisdiction, and Preheminence, which, by their said Original Warrant herein above referr'd to and in part recited, they are, or may be, in any Manner or Way entitled to hold and enjoy; Provided, always, that the above-named Bretheren and Members of the said Lodge, and their successors, continue at all times to pay due Respect and Obedience to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, agreeably to the Rules and Ordinances lawfully made, or to be made, for the Benefit of Masonry, and the advancement of our Royal Craft, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, this Tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1780, and of Masonry 5780.

Brothers Jacob Samuel Howell and John Howard are directed to apply to Brother Blaithwaite Jones, to know whether he has any of the former Books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, the April, 1780.

Grand Lodge of Emergency open'd in due form.

The R. W. Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master.

Shute, D. G. M., p. tem.
Alexr. Rutherford, S. G. W.
Ja. S. Howell, J. G. W.
Wm. Smith, G. S.
S. Cronen, S. G. D.
W. C. Bradford, J. G. D.

Lodge No. 4 represented.

A Petition signed by Br. Archd. Anderson, and a number of Brethren of the Maryland Line was read, praying a Warrant to hold a new Lodge, and the Ballot being put it was unanimously carried in the affirmative. The officers to be Brigadier General Mordecai Gist, Master; Col. Otho Holland Williams, Senior Warden; and Major Archibald Anderson, Junior Warden, and the Lodge to be numbered Twenty Seven, to be held as a Military Lodge for the Benefit of the Bretheren of the Maryland Line, without interfering with the Rights of any fix'd or stated Lodges, where the said Brethren may happen to be quartered.

Application from John Coats, D. G. M., for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Cambridge, in County, Maryland, was read, and the Warrant order'd to be made out agreeable to a Resolution of February 10th, 1780, respecting any future application he should make.

Lodge call'd to refreshment.

Lodge open'd again. Br. Mordecai Gist, the new constituted Master of No. 27, was installed in form.

Closed in good harmony, 10 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, June 22d, 1780.

Grand Lodge open'd in due form.

R. W. JAC. S. HOWELL, G. M., p. tem.

Jno. Coats, D. G. M.
J. Howard, S. G. W.
Bernard, J. G. W.
Smith, G. Sec.
Wood, G. Treas^r.

Lodges Nos. 3 and 4 represented.

A Letter to the Grand Master from the Master of N°. 15, Fell's point, Baltimore County was read, offering Reasons which were satisfactory for their late neglect of sundry Duties to this Grand Lodge, which their Situation prevented them from attending to, and promising all possible attention and duty in future.

Order'd that the Grand Lodge be summon'd to meet on Saturday next, being S^t. John Baptist's Day, at 11 o'clk, A. M.

Closed in due harmony, 9 o'clock.

S^T. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY, 1780.

Grand Lodge open'd in ample form.

The R. W. JOHN COATS, D. G. M., in the Chair, pro tem.

B^rs. Rutherford, D. G. M., pro tempore.
Howell, S. G. W., "
Cronen, J. G. W., "
Smith, Gr. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 16, 22 and 26 represented.

The different Officers now present and who have been elected and install'd for the next Six months, were presented in due form to the Chair, and everything relative to their appointment was found to have been done in due form.

A Petition from Talbot County for a new Lodge was presented by the D. G. M^r., and left for the consideration of the next Grand Lodge. Brother Charles Gardiner was proposed as Master, Richard Skinner, S. W., and John Stephens, J. W.

The Grand Lodge then closed till next Quarterly Communication agreeing to spend the day in Harmony with their Bretheren of different Lodges.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27th, 1780.

Grand Lodge in due form.

The Rt. W. Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master.

Alr. Rutherford, D. G. M., pro tempore.
J. S. Howell, S. G. W., "
T. Proctor, J. G. W., "
W. Smith, G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 16 and 26 represented.

A petition sign'd by Brothers D. Copeland, Joseph Page, Ambrose Croker, Jacob Diegel, James Thompson, Jacob Frank, John Service, and Matthew Whitehead, of No. 4, with an affectionate and honorable Recommendation from the Master and Wardens of that Lodge, praying to be constituted into a new Lodge, was read; and the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted that a Warrant be granted agreeable to the Pray'r of the said Petition, which warrant is to be numbered Nine—the Warrant of that number formerly granted for the Borough of Lancaster having been call'd in and Surrendered to this Lodge about ago, and no application made for renewal of same.

A petition from Br. Wm. Gray and forty-seven Bretheren of the Pennsylvania Line, countersigned and recommended by Br. Col. Proctor, Master of No. 19, praying for a Warrant to hold a new travelling Military Lodge, to be attached to the Bretheren of the said Line, was read; and the Ballot being put, it was unanimously voted to grant them a Warrant for a New Lodge to be numbered 29.

A letter from No. 16, in Baltimore, with a list of their Members and One Thousand Dollars were received from Br. Bernard, in Lieu of all arrears.

An account from Br. Tricket amounting to £80.5 for engraving a plate, &c. Ordered to be paid.

A note was received from Br. Hand, lately returned from Virginia, who informs that there is a Grand Lodge in Virginia, held at Williamsburg, the Grand Master of which is Councillor Blair, and his Deputy, Dr. Galb.

The Grand Secy. is desired to write to Mr. Blair and inclose

him one of the Circular Letters; and if Ancient Masons, to request their concurrence in the appointment of Genl. Washington as Grand Master General of Masons in America.

A similar Letter to be wrote to Col. W. Malcolm, at Fishkiln.

It is reported that there is a Grand Lodge in Boston, and that Colonel Palfrey is a member of it. Enquiry to be made of Col. Palfrey by Col. Proctor.

B^r. Rutherford and Howell with some other Past Masters, are appointed to install B^r. Davis as Master of N°. 8.

Closed in Harmony, 6 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER, 25th, 1780.

Quarterly Communication.

R. W. B^R. ALEX. RUTHERFORD, G. M., pro tempore.
Shute, S. G. W., pro tem.
Howard, J. G. W., pro tem.
Smith, G. Sec^y.
B^ro. W. C. Bradford, S. G. D.
Whitehead, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 26 represented.

The Lodge open'd in due form at 10 o'clock, and some doubt being made whether B^ro. Noarth as Master-elect of N°. 26, never yet having attended at Carlile to open his new Lodge or instal any of the Officers, was entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge, it was Ordered, as Six Months have not yet expired since the date of his Warrant, that he write to his Wardens at Carlile to attend the Grand Lodge in due time, in order to be installed, that the Lodge may be open'd in due form without Loss of time.

It is ordered that the different private Lodges report to next Grand Lodge the number of New Constitution Books they will take, that some Judgment may be formed of the number to be printed.

Brother Rutherford reported that by an Authority under the hand of the R. W. Grand Master, he had duly install'd the

officers of the new Lodge, N°. 9, in their Lodge, at the house of Br. D. Copeland, on the 3d day of August.

Closed in Harmony at Noon.

PHILADELPHIA, Octr. 16th, 1780.

Grand Lodge in due form.

The R. W. Br. RUTHERFORD, S. G. W., in the chair.

Br. Shute, D. G M., pro temp.
Howell, S. G. W., "
Howard, J. G. W., "
Smith, G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 3, 4, 8, 9 and 16 represented.

On further consideration of the Warrant granted to Br. Noarth, as Master of N°. 26 at Carlile, it is ordered that he be allow'd till next Quarterly Communication to pay the fees on the Warrant and to have the Officers regularly installed, and the Lodge open'd in due form, and if these requisites are not complied with the Warrant to be forfeited.

Lodge N°. 29 agree to take Fifty Constitution Books.

The Grand Secretary communicated copy of a letter written by him to the Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in the Massachusetts State, together with Br. Webb's answer, both of which are as follows:

PHILADA., Augst 19th, 1780.

SIR:

I do myself the Honor to address you, by Order of The Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, regularly constituted in the City of Philadelphia. This Grand Lodge has under its Jurisdiction in Pennsylvania and the States adjacent, Thirty-one different regular Lodges, containing in the whole more than One Thousand Bretheren.

Enclosed you have a printed abstract of some of our late proceedings, and by that of January 13th last, you will observe that we have, so far as depends on us, done that Honor

which we think due to our illustrious Brother, General Washington, viz., electing him Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges form'd or to be form'd in these United States, not doubting of the Concurrence of all the Grand Lodges in America to make this Election effectual.

We have been inform'd by Col. Palfrey that there is a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in the State of Massachusetts, and that you are Grand Master thereof. As such, I am, therefore, to request that you will lay our proceedings before your Grand Lodge, and request their concurrent Voice in the appointment of General Washington, as set forth in the said Minute of January the 13th, which, as far as we have been able to learn, is a Measure highly approved by all the Bretheren, and what will do honor to the Craft.

BOSTON, Septr. 4th, 1780.

SIR:

Your agreeable Favor of the 19th ult., I duly received the 31st, covering a printed abstract of the proceedings of your Grand Lodge. I had received one before, near three months, from the Master of a travelling Lodge of the Connecticut line, but it not coming officially, did not lay it before the Grand Lodge, but the Evening after I received yours, it being Grand Lodge, I laid it before them and had some debate on it, Whereupon, it was agreed to adjourn the Lodge for three weeks, to the 22d instant, likewise to write to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction to attend themselves if convenient by their Master and Wardens, and if not, to give Instructions to their proxies here concerning their acquiescence in the proposal.

I am well assured that no one can have any Objections to so illustrious a person as Genl. Washington to preside as G. M. of the United States, but at the same time it will be necessary to know from you his Prerogative as such; whether he is to appoint Sub-grand or Provincial Grand Masters of each State; if so, I am confident that the Grand Lodge of this State will never give up their Right of electing their own Grand Masters and other Officers annually. This induces me to write to you now, before the Result of the Grand Lodge takes place, and must beg an answer by the first Opportunity, that I may be

enabled to lay the same before them. I have not heard of any State except yours and this, that have proceeded as yet since the Independence to elect their Officers, but have been hoping that they would.

I do not remember of more Grand Masters being appointed when we were under the British Government than South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts, but now it may be necessary.

I have granted a Charter of Dispensation to New Hampshire till they shall appoint a Grand Master of their own, which suppose will not be very soon as there is but one Lodge in their State. Inclosed I send you a List of the Officers of our Grand Lodge, and have the honor to be, with great respect and esteem,

Y^r. aff. B^r. and hum^b. serv.,

JOSEPH WEBB,

G. M.

The Grand Secretary acquainted the Lodge that finding some assistance necessary in the Business of his Office, especially as for the ensuing year he must be frequently in Maryland, he had, according to the Right vested in him, appointed Bro. William Moore Smith, D. Grand Sec^y, with which appointment the Lodge express'd themselves greatly satisfied.

The Grand Secretary and B^r. Palfrey are appointed a Committee to prepare an Answer to the above Letter from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and lay the same before this Lodge to-morrow Evening, to which time this Lodge is adjourned.

Closed in Harmony.

OCT^R. 17, 1780.

Adjourned Grand Lodge.

Brother SHUTE, G. M., pro tempore.

Howard, D. G. M., "

Howell, S. G W., "

Farmer, J. G. W., "

Smith, G. Sec^y.

Opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to bring in an answer to the Letter from the R. W. Grand M^r. of Massachusetts State, delivered a copy, which was read and unanimously approved of, as follows:

PHILAD^A., Oct. 17, 1780.

RESPECTED SIR AND R. W. B^R.:

Your kind and interesting letters of the 14th and 19, by some delay in the Post-office, came both to my hands together, and that not before the 10th Instant. They were both read and maturely consider'd at a very full Grand Lodge last Evening, and I have it in Charge to thank you and all the worthy Members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the Brotherly Notice they were pleased take of the Proposition communicated to you from the Grand Lodge of this State.

We are happy to find that you agree with us in the necessity of having one complete Masonic Jurisdiction under some one Grand Head thro'out the United States. It has been a measure long wish'd for among the Bretheren, especially in the Army, and from them the request came originally to us, that we might improve the opportunity which our Central Situation gave us of setting this measure on foot. From these considerations, joined to an earnest desire of advancing and doing Honor to Masonry, and not from any Affectation of Superiority or of dictating to any one of our Bretheren, we put in nomination for Grand Master over all these States (and elected, so far as depended upon us,) one of the most illustrious of our Brethren, whose Character does honor to the whole Fraternity, and who, we are therefore persuaded, would be wholly unexceptionable. When our Proposition and nomination shou'd be communicated to other Grand Lodges and ratified by their Concurrence, then, and not before, it was proposed to define the powers of such a Grand Master General, and to fix articles of Masonic union among all the Grand Lodges by means of a Convention of Committees from the different Grand Lodges, to be held at such time and place as might be agreed upon. Such Convention may also have power to notify the Grand Master General of his Election, present him his Di-

ploma, Badges of Office, and install with due form and Solemnity.

To you who are so well learned in the Masonic Art, and acquainted with its History, it need not be observed that One Grand Master General over many Grand Lodges, having each their own Grand Masters, is no novel Institution, even if the peculiar Circumstances of the Grand Lodges in America, now separated from the Jurisdiction from whence they first Originated, did not render it necessary. We have also a very recent magnificent Example of the same thing in Europe which may serve, in respect to the Ceremonies of Installation, as a model for us. I will copy the paragraph as dated at Stockholm, in Sweden, the 21st of March last, as you may not perhaps have seen it.

"The 19th of this month (March, 1780) will always be a memorable day to the Freemasons established in this kingdom, for on that day the Duke of Sundermania was installed Grand Master of all the Lodges thro'out this kingdom as well as those of St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Brunswick, Hamburg, etc. The Lodge at St. Petersburg had sent a Deputy for this purpose, and others had intrusted the Diploma of the Instalment to Baron Leyonhrefrud, who had been last year to Copenhagen and in Germany on this negotiation. This Instalment was attended with great Pomp. The assembly was composed of more than four hundred members, and was honored with the Presence of the King, who was pleased to grant a charter to the Lodge taking it under his Royal Protection, at the same time investing the new Grand Master with an ermin'd cloke; after which he was placed upon a Throne, clothed with the marks of his new Dignity, and there received the Compliments of all the members, who according to their Rank were admitted to kiss the Hand, Sceptre, or Cloke of the new Grand Master, and had delivered to them a Silver Medal, struck to perpetuate the memory of this Solemnity, which passed in Exchange Hall. It is said the king will grant Revenues for the Commanderies, and that this Royal Lodge will receive of each an Annual Tribute. This solemnity hath raised the Order of Freemasons from a kind of Oblivion into which they were sunk."

What the particular authorities of the Grand Master of these United States were to be, we had not taken upon us to describe, but, (as before hinted,) had left them to be settled by a Convention of Grand Lodges or their Deputies. But this is certain, that we never intended the different Provincial or State Grand Masters shou'd be deprived of the election of their own Grand Officers, or of any of their just Masonic rights and authorities over the different Lodges within the bounds of their Jurisdiction.

But where new Lodges are to be erected beyond the Bounds of any Legal Grand Lodges now existing, such Lodges are to have their Warrants from the Grand Master General, and when such Lodges become a number sufficient to be form'd into one Grand Lodge, the Bounds of such Grand Lodge are to be described, and the Warrant to be granted by the Grand Master aforesaid, who may also call and preside in a Convention of Grand Lodges when any matter of great and general Importance to the whole United Fraternity of these States may require it. What other powers may be given to the Grand Master General, and how such powers are to be drawn up and expressed, will be the business of the Convention proposed.

For want of some general Masonic authority over all these States the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ex necessitate, have granted Warrants beyond its bounds to the Delaware and Maryland States, and you have found it expedient to do the same in New Hampshire, but We know that necessity alone can be a plea for this.

By what has been said above, you will see that our Idea is to have a Grand Master General over all the United States, and each Lodge under him to preserve its own Rights, Jurisdiction, etc., under him as formerly under the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, from whence the Grand Lodges in America had their Warrants, and to have this new Masonic Constitution and the powers of the Grand Master General fixed by a Convention of Committees aforesaid.

Others we are told have proposed that there be one Grand Master over all these States, and that the other Masters of

Grand Lodges, whether nominated by him or chosen by their own Grand Lodges, should be consider'd as his Deputies. But we have the same Objections to this that you have, and never had any idea of establishing such a plan as hath been suggested before.

This Letter is now swell'd to a great length. We have therefore only to submit two things to your Deliberation:

1st.—Either whether it be best to make your Election of a Grand Master General immediately, and then propose to us a time and place where a Committee from your body could meet a Committee from ours to fix his powers and proceed to Instalment; or

2d.—Whether you will first appoint such a place of meeting and the powers of the proposed Grand Master, and then return home and proceed to the Election, and afterwards meet anew for Instalment. This last mode would seem to require too much time, and would not be so agreeable to our Worthy Bretheren of the Army, who are anxious to have this matter completed.

As you will probably choose the first mode, cou'd not the place of our meeting be at or near the head Quarters of the Army, at or soon after St. John's day next? At any Rate, you will not fix a place far northward on account of some Bretheren from Virginia who will attend, for we propose to advertise the Business and the time and place of Meeting in the public papers, that any regular Grand Lodges which we may not have heard of, may have an Opportunity of sending representatives.

Your answer as soon as possible is requested under cover to Peter Baynton, Esqr., Postmaster in Philadelphia.

I am, etc., By Order,

Wm. Smith, G. Sec.

To Jos. Webb, Esqr.,
Grand Master of Massachusetts.

Lodge closed in due Harmony.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18, 5780.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

Lodge open'd in due form.

Present:

The R. W. Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master.
Alexr. Rutherford, D. G. Master, pro tem.
Jac. S. Howell, S. G. W.
Wm. Shute, J. G. W.
Wm. Smith, G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 19, 25 and 29 represented.

A letter and petition from No. 11, formerly held in Bucks county was read: Whereupon, it was resolv'd that the Warrant be renew'd to No. 11, on paying all dues, amounting to Four hundred and Eighty pounds and that untill they have a sufficient number of Bretheren, that No. 25 assist them with advice. Two hundred and twenty-five pounds paid in part.

The Rt. Worshipful Wm. Ball, Esqr., was requested to continue Grand Master for twelve months longer, which his Worship was pleased to consent to.

R. W. Br. Alexander Rutherford was appointed Dy. Grand Master.

Jacob Bankson, Esqr. elected Sr. Grand Warden.
Matt. Whitehead elected Jr. Grand Warden.
Wood continued Grand Treasr.
Smith continued Grand Secy.

Brother Davis of No. 8 proposes to pay the Grand Lodge one hundred pounds in lieu of dues in arrears at last St. John's Day which was paid into the hands of Jacob Bankson, Esqr., S. G. W. elect, who is appointed to receive dues in the absence of the Grand Treasurer.

Lodge No. 8 will take Six Constitution Books.

A Petition from some Bretheren of No. 4 was read praying for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge.

Whereupon it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to enquire why they cannot meet with No. 8. The Bretheren appointed were the Deputy Grand Master the two Grand

Wardens elect Br. Boyle of No. 4, and Br. Hughes J. W., of No. 8.

Lodge call'd to Refreshments.

Call'd to Labor.

No. 2 report that they will take two hundred Copies of the Constitution Books.

No. 3 will take 200 Copies.

No. 4 will report at St. John's Day, and agree to take twenty-four books.

No. 5 return that they have members and paid Two Thousand and Seventy-two dollars dues.

No. 6 made no Return.

No. 7.

No. 8 will make their Returns as soon as possible.

No. 9 report that they have eight standing members, paid up their dues to next St. John's Day and agree to take 24 Constitution Books.

No. 13 will take 30 Books.

No. 15 will send their Report to Brother Loughead as soon as possible; the Lodge agree to take 24 Constitution Books.

No. 16 will take 15 Constitution Books, and make a proper Return of their members and dues, by next Communication.

No. 19. Col. Proctor, Mastr. of No. 19, reports that agreeable to Order, he had install'd the Officers of the new military Lodge, No. 29, held among the Bretheren of the Pennsylvania Line, but having been some time from his own Lodge, it is not in his power to make the proper Returns at present.

No. 25 will make their Returns after St. John's Day.

A petition from some Bretheren in New Castle, belonging to No. 5 was read, praying for a warrant to hold a New Lodge alternately at New Castle and Christiana Bridge. The Petition was accompanied with a very warm Recommendation in their favor from the Master of No. 5.

Whereupon the Petition was unanimously granted. No. 33.

Joseph Israel was appointed Master.

Joseph Kilkead, Senior Warden.

John Clark, Junior Warden.

Closed in due harmony.

MARCH 26, 1781.

Quarterly Communication.

The R. W. Wm. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master.

A. Rutherford, D. G. M.
J. Bankson, S. G. W.
M. Whitehead, J. G. W.
W. Smith, G. Sec.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, 18, 22, 25 and 31 represented.

The Senior Grand Warden, being Master of No. 2, reports that he had ordered his Treasurer to pay all dues to the G. Treasr.

The Master of No. 3 reports that he is in an arrear the sum of Twenty pounds, Eighteen Shillings, which his Treasurer attends to pay.

The Master of No. 4 reports that he will settle his Dues with the Grand Treasurer.

A letter was received from No. 11, containing a sufficient Excuse for non attendance at this Communication, and enclosing Three Hundred pounds, to go to discharge £255 which they were in arrears, the Remainder be credited.

The Treasurer of No. 13, order'd to pay Dues by the Master of the said Lodge.

No. 18 will report as soon as possible, as will also No. 22.

The Report of No. 25 states that they have 14 members and are £8.19.6 in arrear which was paid.

The Bretheren appointed to enquire into the Petition of some members of No. 4, report as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10, 1781.

In conformity with a Delegation to us, made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, to enquire into the necessity and propriety of granting a new Warrant in this County in the Vicinity of No. 8, after having made the strictest Enquiry in the presence, as well of the applicants as of the Master of No. 8, and being inform'd on the one hand that the Institution of a new Lodge would be extremely beneficial to Masonry, and, on the other hand,

that it would by no means be detrimental to Lodge N°. 8, or interfere with the Duties and Business thereof, are clearly of Opinion a new Warrant ought to be granted to the applicants, and we beg leave to make Our report accordingly, under the consideration and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands the day and year above written.

ALEX^R. RUTHERFORD, D. G. M.,
JACO BANKSON, S. G. W.,
MATTHEW WHITEHEAD, J. G. W.,
ALEX^R. BOYLE,
ISAAC HUGHES.

The Grand Lodge, taking the above report into Consideration, Order'd a Warrant, to be Numbered 31, to be made out, which was done accordingly, when John Church was install'd Master; Ja. Aud and John Wentz, Wardens of the said Lodge. The sum of nine pounds ten shillings State Money was paid as the fees on the said Warrant.

A new Warrant having been granted to some Bretheren in New Castle and Christiana Bridge, to be held one year at New Castle and the next at Christiana Bridge, alternately, the Deputy Grand Master was requested as soon as convenient to go down and install the Officers.

A Petition was read from a number of Bretheren in Burlington, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge there. The petition was accompanied with a very warm Recommendation from Brother Blathwaite Jones. The Grand Lodge taking the same into Consideration it was unanimously granted. Joseph Ellis was appointed Master, Samuel Bull as Senr. Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson, J^r. Warden. The Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden are requested to go to Burlington and install the officers of the said new Lodge, N°. 32.

Brother Gray inform'd the Lodge that he had seen the Warrant of N°. 10 in the possession of Dr. Blatchley. Ordered that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to him concerning it.

Ordered that twenty pounds specie or the exchange, be advanced to Brother Sellers to procure paper for printing the Constitution Books.

A Letter was read from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, enclosing the following Resolve of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

"As this Grand Lodge have not been acquainted with the Opinions of the various Grand Lodges in the United States respecting the choice of a Grand Master General, and the Circumstances of our public affairs making it impossible we shou'd at present obtain their sentiments upon it; Therefore: Voted, That any Determination upon the Subject cannot with the propriety and justice due to the Craft at Large, be made by this Grand Lodge until a general peace shall happily take place thro' the Continent."

From the Grand Lodge Records,

W^M. HOSKING, G. Sec.

Boston, Jany 12th, 5781.

MONDAY, June 18th, 1781.

Quarterly Communication.

Present; Brother Rutherford,
Farmer,
Adcock,
Bernard,
J. S. Howell,
Howard,
Boyle.

There not being a sufficient number of Bretheren present to constitute a Lodge and proceed to Business, it was therefore agreed that public Notice should be given to the Officers of the different Lodges established under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to assemble on Monday, the 2^d day of July next.

Tyler 7/6.

MONDAY, July 2d, 1781.

Grand Lodge.

Brother RUTHERFORD, G. M.
Howard, D. G. M.
Howell, S. G. W.
Bernard, J. G. W.

Lodges 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 16, 22, 25 and 29 represented.

Brother O. Flinn, representing No. 14, reports that they have Fifteen members; the dues from the Lodge to the G. L. for new Members, monthly dues, etc., amounting to £5.19 were paid by him.

The Grand Lodge resumed the Consideration of a Petition from Talbot County, Maryland, which was unanimously granted, and a Warrant to be numbered 34 was accordingly ordered. Brs. Coats and Smith appointed to install the Officers, to wit.: Charles Gardner, Master; ———, Senior Warden; ———, Junior Warden.

Brothers Howard and Howell are appointed to wait on the Grand Treasr., and desire him to prepare his accounts for settlement against next St. John's day.

It was ordered by the Lodge that a Closet be fixed in the Room for the Convenience of the G. Lodge, and Br. Howard was desired to see it done.

The Lodge received a very polite note from the Revd. Mr. Magaw, with several Copies of a sermon deliver'd by him before the Bretheren in Dover, in the Delaware State, whereupon the G. Secy. was ordered to send the Thanks of the Grand Lodge to Mr. Magaw.

Closed in due harmony. Tyler 7/6.

SEPTEMBER 6th, 1781.

At a meeting of a Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Members present: Brother Rutherford, Howard, Wood, Young, Whitehead, Adcock, Boyle, Smith.

The Committee took into consideration the necessity of ad-

vancing a sum of money towards defraying the Expenses of printing the Constitution Books.

Whereupon, Resolved, That the different Lodges advance the sum of one shilling and six pence for each book they have subscribed for.

Tyler and Candles, 10/

September Communication.

The situation of public affairs, and the Call upon the Militia to take the field, prevented a sufficient number of Bretheren from attending.

OCTR. 18, 1781.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Br. R. W. A. RUTHERFORD, G. M., p. temp.
Whitehead, D. G. M., "
Adcock, S. G. W., "
Ord, J. G. W., "
Smith, G. S.

A Letter was read from Mr. Wm. Allender to the Grand Master, enclosing a Warrant from Lord Blaney to hold a Lodge at Joppa, praying advice and Directions from this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Resolved, That it appears to this Grand Lodge that the Warrant is a modern one; but that if on proper application, some of the members of the Modern Lodge so held at Joppa are found worthy, and enter'd, pass'd, and rais'd in one of the ancient Lodges at Baltimore, that then, on the Recommendation of that ancient Lodge to this Grand Lodge, we shall think it conducive to the Benefit of the Craft to grant them a new Warrant if they Surrender their Modern one, and in the mean time, We recommend it to the Lodges to be cautious in not admitting them to sit with them while remaining Moderns.

The Grand Lodge was informed by Brother Henderson that during his voyage a number of papers were taken in a prize by the vessel in which he sailed, which he saw were directed to the Worshipful Master of Lodge N°. 169, at New York, and therefore secured them, sealed up as when taken, and has brought them to lay before this Lodge. The papers were opened and found to contain a Warrant to hold a new Lodge, N°. 212, in the City of New York, a book of Constitution and By-Laws and a number of Letters of Instructions respecting the Installation of the new officers and other Masonic Business, Whereupon, unanimously

Resolv'd, That the G. Lodge take the safest and speediest methods to have the different articles forwarded with a proper Letter to the M^r. of N°. 169.

That the G. M^r., D. G. M. and S. G. W. be requested to attend on Council and obtain permission to send the above Articles to New York.

That the G. L. are highly pleased with B^r. Henderson's attention, and request him to accept their thanks for his Brotherly Behaviour.

Closed in due harmony, 10 o'clock.

Tyler and Candles, 10s.

NOVEMBER 22^d, 1781.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

The Right Worshipful, WILLIAM BALL, Esquire, Grand Master.

B^r. Alex^r. Rutherford, D. G. M.
Matt. Whitehead, S. G. W.
W^m. Adcock, Esqr., J. G. W.
W^m. Smith, G. S.

The Grand Secretary open'd the Business of the evening by informing that the Lodge was call'd together in Order to give their Sanction to the new Book of Constitutions, as order'd to be revised and published for the benefit of the Bretheren in America,—Whereupon the Manuscript was order'd to be read.

The Book of Constitutions being read, the same was unanimously approved of and Order'd to be printed.

Resolv'd, That the Mason's Arms be engraved as a frontispiece for the book, and in case our beloved and Illustrious Brother General Washington permit it to be dedicated to him, that his Excellency's Arms be engraved and prefixed to the Dedication.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were Unanimously ordered to be given to the Grand Secretary, for the care and attention with which he has revised and abridged the Constitution Book.

The Grand Secretary then reported that he had call'd the members of N°. 6 together, in hopes to reconcile some differences respecting the expell'd Members, but found it impossible; he reported, too, that the Bretheren who had been expell'd were amongst the most respectable members of the Lodge, and will petition for a new Warrant.

B^r. Nagle, S. W. of N°. 24, at Reading, inform'd the Lodge of the death of the Master of N°. 24, and that his Executors were in possession of the Warrant.

Resolved, That B^r. Nagle procure the Warrant, and after calling the members together, that they elect Officers for the ensuing year and attend the next Communication to be installed.

Closed in Harmony, 11 o'clock. 7/6 for Ref^t.

DECEMBER, 1781.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

Lodge open'd in Ample Form.

The R. W. W^m. BALL, Esqr., Grand Master.

B^r. A^r. Rutherford, D. G. M.
B^r. Jacob Bankson, Esqr., S. G. W.
B^r. M. Whitehead, J. G. W.
B^r. W^m. M. Smith, G. S.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 16, 19, 25, 32 and 33 represented.

The Lodge proceeded to the choice of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The Rt. Wpfull Wm. Ball, Esqr., was requested to continue his services another year to which his Worship was pleased to consent.

Br. Rutherford was re-appointed Deputy Grand Master.

Br. William Adcock, Esqr., was chosen Senr. G. Warden; Dr. W. McIlvain, Junior Grand Warden; Br. Chas. Young, Grand Treasurer; Br. Wm. Smith, re-appointed Grand Secretary, and Brs. Bernard and Henderson, Grand Deacons.

Lodge No. 25 paid all dues to this day, and advanced for Nine Constitution Books, Thirteen shillings and Six pence into the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

No. 33 paid all dues and for 12 Books Eighteen shillings into the Grand Treasurer's hands.

Br. Bankson surrender'd the Warrant of Lodge No. 11, formerly held at Newtown, Bucks County, to this Grand Lodge to be cancell'd.

A letter was deliver'd from Lodge No. 22 giving sufficient reasons for not sending their Representatives to the Grand Lodge and engaging to pay all dues by next Communication.

A letter was received from Lodge No. 18, sent by the hands of Br. Charles Nixon, last Past Master of that Lodge, informing that the stoppage of the River trade by Cruizers had put it out of their power to send up their dues to this Communication. Br. Nixon likewise informed the Grand Lodge that the Bretheren of No. 18, had been under the necessity of expelling Dr. T—— P—— of Cross Roads and Mr. M—— C—— and H—— R—— from their Lodge.

No. 32 paid all dues to this day and the advance for nine Books amounting in all to forty-nine Shillings and Sixpence to the Grand Treasurer.

On representation from the Master of Lodge No. 33, the warrant of which was granted to be held in alternate years at New Castle and Christiana, that it would be extremely inconvenient to alter their plan of meeting from New Castle as most of the Members had removed there, permission was granted to hold at whichever of the above places a majority of the Bretheren shou'd think most convenient.

A letter was received from the Master of N°. 29, containing such reasons as were deemed a sufficient Excuse for the non attendance of their Officers at this Communication.

A Letter of Deputation from Lodge N°. 34 to Br. Wm. Moore Smith to represent the said Lodge in Grand Lodge was read and allowed.

Br. Rutherford inform'd the Grand Lodge that in Consequence of some Circumstances which had come to his knowledge, respecting the treatment of some Bretheren who had been prisoners in New York, he had with the approbation of the Grand Master, delay'd sending the Warrant, Constitution Book, etc., agreeably to the Resolve of the Lodge of Emergency, call'd the 18th Octr. ult., until he should receive an answer to a Letter he had wrote to New York on the Subject of their treatment of Bretheren who are prisoners, and That he had now received an Answer, which, with a copy of the letter he had wrote, he now laid before the Gr. Lodge.

Whereupon, Resolved, That the D. Grand Secretary be desired to write to New York in answer to the said letter to Br. Rutherford, and inclose the Minute of the 18th of Octr. last, which, together with the New York Warrant, Book and all the papers that were taken at Sea, directed to the said Lodge, be immediately sent to New York under the care of Br. Skinner, Commissary General, &c.

Closed in Harmony. Ty^r. 7/6.

St. John's Day, Dec^r., 1781.

Grand Lodge in ample Form.

Brs. Rutherford, G. M. p. tem.
Whitehead, S. G. W., "
Boyle, J. G. W., "
Smith, G. S.

Brs. Adcock was installed Senior Grand Warden.
McIlvaine, Jr. Grand Warden.
Young, Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned to spend this festive Day in mirth and harmony.

FEBRUARY 16th, 1782.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Br. A. RUTHERFORD, G. M., p. tem.
Adcock, D. G. M., "
S. Howell, S. G. W., "
Boyle, J. G. W., "
Smith, G. S.

A Petition was read from a number of Bretheren in Chester County, praying for a Warrant to hold a new Lodge in the said County at a place call'd , and the petitioners coming warmly recommended, the Warrant was unanimously granted and order'd to be numbered Eleven, that number having been surrendered.

A Petition from some Bretheren in Joppa was read, praying a Warrant for the town of Joppa in the State of Maryland, to be held in Joppa only which was unanimously granted. No. 35.

Closed in Harmony.

GRAND LODGE, March 26th, 1782.

Br. RUTHERFORD, G. M., pro tem.
Howard, D. G. M., "
Adcock, S. G. W., "
Allen, J. G. W., "
Smith, G. S.

Br. Tinsley was install'd Master of the new Lodge, No. 11. Br. Bowen was install'd Senior Warden.

Br. Rutherford laid before the Lodge a letter from the Rev. Jas. Wilmer, requesting his Influence with the Grand Lodge in obtaining a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at ——, in the State of Maryland.

Whereupon, Resolv'd, That Br. Rutherford answer the said letter in his own name, and not as D. G. Mr., and inform Br. Wilmer that those matters properly come before the Grand Lodge by Petition signed by a number of Bretheren in the

District, and recommended by the nearest Lodge, if there is any in the Vicinity.

Resol'd also, That the D. G. Sec^y. write to the Master of No. 6 to know whether Br. Wilmer, who formerly belonged to his Lodge, left the same in perfect harmony and Good fellowship.

Closed in Harmony. Tyler 7/6.

PHILAD^A., Augt 6, 1782.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present: R. W. ALEX^R. RUTHERFORD, G. Mas^r.
R. W. W^m. Adcock, D. G^d. Master.
Bro^s. Whitehead, S. G. Warden.
Proctor, J. G. Warden.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 13 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

Information was given from the Chair respecting an application from Genl. Roberdeau for himself and others, Claimants of the Lodge House, for Rent thereof, and to know the peculiar Circumstances, Situation, etc., of those who at present occupy the Building, when, after considerable debate, It was unanimously agreed that a Committee of five be appointed, any three of whom to act, who shall have full Power and clothed with all the authority of this Lodge to investigate and act in every sense, as they view necessary to defeat the Designs of Genl. Roberdeau in his claims to an Interest in this House. That they be authorized to solicit subscriptions for the laudable purpose of freeing the Society from all obligations whatever to Individuals, by a purchase of the Ground Rents, or Interest entire, as they think necessary.

That in case an application is made to the Assembly of the State or other Authority, by any claimants whatever, they see that one is framed in Reply thereto, that no advantages be taken, and in all respects to act and do as they think right to attain such Ends. That in case of the non-attendance or In-

attention of any of the Committee, any two, if necessary, are further required to ask the Aid of other two Brethren.

The choice of the Committee was then made, when Bro^s. Adcock, Proctor, Ord, Burd and Young were chosen.

Closed in Harmony.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Monday, September 2^d., 1782.

The R. W. William Ball, Esqr., Grand Master.

B^rs. Alex^r. Rutherford, D. G. M.
W^m. Adcock, Esqr., S. G. W.
John Howard, J. G. W.
W^m. M. Smith, D. G. Sec.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 13, 25, 33 and 34 represented.

Lodge open'd in ample form.

The Lodge taking into Consideration the necessity of appointing a Deputy Grand Secretary to act until next S^t. John's day, as B^r. Smith, the Grand Sec^y, resides in Maryland, B^r. Joseph Howell was unanimously appointed.

A Representation from Lodge N°. 25 was handed in by their Master to this Grand Lodge, complaining of want of Punctuality in the members of the Grand Lodge at their meetings; Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge thank the Bretheren of Lodge N°. 25 for their friendly Remarks, and expect in future that the Business will be carried on with more punctuality.

A Petition from a number of Bretheren in Easton, in the County of Northampton, for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Easton, (they being upward of fifty miles from any Warrant), was read and unanimously granted, to be numbered (No. —). The proposed officers to be named in the Warrant were B^r. William Moore Smith, Esqr., Master; B^r. Alexander Patterson, Esqr., Senior Warden; and B^r. Theophilus Shannon, Junior Warden.

A Petition signed by 20 Bretheren, Officers in the Jersey Line, was read, praying for a Warrant to hold a travelling Military Warrant, to be attached to the said Line.

The same was unanimously granted. The proposed Officers were The Reverend Andrew Hunter for Master; Joseph I. Anderson, S. W., and Captn. Aaron Ogden, J. W., to be numbered N°. 36.

A Petition from some Bretheren in Princess Ann, Somerset C^o., Maryland, praying for a Warrant was read, and order'd to lie over until next Communication, and order'd that the G. Sec^y. inform the Petitioners that the G. Lodge expect a Certificate from the Officers of the Lodge in which they were made, respecting their Behaviour and the propriety of granting a Warrant to them.

A Petition from some Bretheren in Alexandria for a Warrant to hold a Lodge there was read, and Order'd to lie over 'till the next Communication.

On Motion Resolved, That the fees to the Grand Lodge for all Warrants petitioned for in future, be raised to the Sum of Fifteen pounds specie.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed at last Extra G. Lodge to inquire into the situation of the Lodge House and in whom the property of the same is vested, be continued.

On application from Captain Isaac Craig, at Fort Pitt, for a Dispensation to act there, the said Captain Craig being Legal Successor to the Master of N°. 19, and in possession of the Warrant, but never legally installed, it was order'd and Resolved, that there is no necessity of a Dispensation to Capt. Craig, he being the Master elect and in possession of the Warrant of Lodge N°. 19, but that a Dispensation go to some Past Master to install him.

A Letter was received by the R. W. G. M., and by him communicated to the G. L., from B^r. Bourke and Smith, respecting the particular situation of several very respectable and ancient Characters in the part of Maryland in which they live, who being of the modern Order wish to go over again in the ancient form, and requesting the Indulgence of a Dispensation; Whereupon, Resolved, That the G. M. grant a Dispen-

sation to Br. John Coats, late D. G. M., and Br. Smith, present G. Secy., or either of them, taking to their assistance such Bretheren as they may see proper, to enter into the Mysteries of Masonry, General Hooper and such other respectable and unexceptionable Characters as come within the Description of the above Letter.

A letter was read from No. 33 containing satisfactory reasons for their non attendance. They also informed the G. L. that No. 33 had been under the necessity of expelling from their Body, Mr. J—— B——.

The New Seal of Lodge No. 25 being shown to this Grand Lodge, was disapproved of, and Unanimously ordered to be defaced.

Brothers Jacob S. Howell, William Fisher and William Adams were appointed a Committee to settle the accounts of the late Treasurer.

Closed in Harmony.

At an Extra Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, November 7, 1782.

Present: R. W. William Ball, Gd. Master.
R. W. Alexr. Rutherford, Dy. Gd. Mas.
Bros. William Adcock, S. Gd. Warden.
John Howard, J. Gd. Warden, P. T.
Cronan, S. G. Deacon, P. T.
Matthews, J. G. Deacon, P. T.
Joseph Howell, Jun., D. G. Secy.
Bro. Wm. Shute, late S. G. W.

Lodges Nos. 3, 4, 9 and 29 represented.

Extra Grand Lodge, Nov. 7, 1782.

Lodge opened in due form.

Brother Adcock one of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the Claims of this Grand Lodge on a part of the Property of this House, delivered to the Chair the following Report:

That he, with the other Members of the Committee, and (by the Power invested in them to call on other Brethren for advice and assistance) Bro^s. John Howard and Jacob S. Howell, have properly attended to the Business committed to them, have duly investigated the same, and from what have appeared to them are of Opinion no Right or Title to this House is invested in this Grand Lodge, or any part thereof, and after having met the Master and Members of the first Lodge of Modern Masons and other subscribers towards the Building of this House, having acquainted said Master and Members of said Lodge N°. 1 therewith, received the Answer herewith handed.

Signed, WILL^M. ADCOCK,
JOHN HOWARD,
JACOB S. HOWELL.

Phila^a., Nov. 7, 1782.

ANSWER.

At a Lodge held the 30th Octo^r., 1782, at the Lodge in Lodge Alley.

Present: R. W. Edward Shippen, Mas.
Matt^w. Clarkson, S. W.
Mich^l. Hillegas, J. W.
Tench Francis, Sec^y.

Visiting Brother, Thomas Bond.

The Trustees of the Lodge and the other Members, having taken into consideration the application of the Lodges of Masons who have lately met there, for a temporary use of the upper Rooms, have agreed that they may continue to hold their Lodges there at such convenient times as will not interfere with the other purposes of the Trustees in renting and using the House; that is to say, they may meet there every Monday and Friday evenings for the Term of One year from this Date, the said Lodges paying to the Trustees five shillings as a Consideration therefor.

Copied from the Minutes.
Signed, EDWARD SHIPPEN.

Some time being spent in the considering the above, it was unanimously agreed to postpone the same to a future meeting.

Lodge adjourned till Monday evening next, to meet at this House at 6 o'clock precisely.

Closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock.

JOSEPH HOWELL, Jun., D. G. Secy.

At an Extra Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Nov. 11, 1782.

Present:

R. W. ALEX. RUTHERFORD, D. G. Masr., in the Chair.

Bros. Shute, S. G. Warden, P. T.
Jacob S. Howell, J. G. Warden, P. T.
Skyock, S. G. Deacon, P. T.
Kultz, J. G. Deacon, P. T.
Young, G. Treasurer.
Jos. Howell, Jun., D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13 and 29 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

There not appearing Officers sufficient agreeable to the Constitution to form a Grand Lodge, the Secy. is requested to notify the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of the different Lodges in this city to meet at this House punctually on the 23d day of December next, at which time this Lodge stands adjourned. The Grand Treasurer and Secy. were appointed a Committee to wait on and inform the Master of No. 1 of Modern Masons, that for want of a proper number of Officers to form a Grand Lodge the business then before them could not be accomplished, or any answer given him respecting his Letter of the 30 Octo. last, but that the Lodge expected at their Grand Communication to be able to complete that business.

Closed in harmony at 10 o'clock.

JOS. HOWELL, Jun., D. G. S.

At an Extra Meeting of the Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, Decem. 11th, 1782.

Present:

R. W. William Ball, Gd. Master.

R. W. Alex. Rutherford, D. Gd. Master.

Bros. William Adcock, S. G. Warden.
Matthew Whitehead, J. G. Warden, P. T.
Peter Curtz, S. Gd. Deacon, P. T.
Matthew Hand, J. G. Deacon, P. T.

Lodge Opened in due form.

The Revd. Andrew Hunter was duly recommended in Form to the R. W. Grand Master in the Chair, for Installation as Master of Lodge No. 36, granted to the New Jersey Brigade, 2d Septemr. last, and was accordingly Installed.

Closed in Harmony.

Phila., Decem. 23d, 1782.

Grand Communication.

Present:

R. W. Grd. Master Wm. Ball.

R. W. D. Gd. Mast. Alex' Rutherford.

Bros. Howard, S. G. Ward., P. T.
Whitehead, J. G. W., P. T.
Roberts, S. G. D., P. T.
Matthews, J. G. D., P. T.
Smith, Gd. Secy.
Young, Gd. Treasr.
Jos. Howell, D. Gd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 31 and 32 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

On motion by the R. W. Gd. Master,

It is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Committee appointed to investigate the Claims of this House be requested to inform the Master of No. 1, Modern Masons, that this Lodge

accepts the offer of this House for one year, agreeable to his Letter of the 30 October last. Carried in the affirmative.

A former dispensation granted to Lodge N°. 4 was delivered up by Brother Boyle to the R. W. Grd. Master.

Brother James Tobbet, Master of N°. 15, having appointed Brother Hand to represent the said Lodge, the same was admitted.

A Letter was handed from the Chair and read, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, by Bro. Bourke, Master of N°. 29, respecting the Petition of Brother Winder and other Brethren of Somersett County in the State of Maryland, for a warrant to hold a Lodge in Princess Anne in said State, recommending the said Brethren for the same. Bro. Smith, Gd. Secy., being present, and giving the said Brethren a good Character. A ballot was called for and taken, and it being approved of, Ordered that the Secy. make out a Warrant agreeable to their Petition, the Officers to be: Levin Winder, Master; John Waters, Jun., Senior Warden, and Francis J. Henry, Junior Warden; the Warrant N°. 37.

The Committee appointed to settle the late Treasurer's Accounts are continued and Brother Hamilton is requested to assist them.

A Dispensation for Six months was given our worthy Brethren William Smith, Gd. Secy. and John Coats, to Initiate into the Mysteries of Ancient Masonry Genl. Hooper and others, Modern Masons, agreeable to a Letter from Brother Bourke, Master of N°. 29.

A Petition from Brother Edwd. Weyman and other Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant to be granted them to hold a Lodge of Ancient Masons in Charles Town, South Carolina, or thereabouts, the officers to be Brother Edward Weyman, Mast.; Meyer Moses, Senior Warden, and David Hamilton, Junior Warden.

Ordered that the Prayer of their Petition be granted and the Warrant to be N°. 38.

On Motion, Ordered, that a Book be provided by Brother Joseph Howell, D. G. Secy., for the purpose of Recording all Warrants granted by this Grand Lodge, or to be Granted, as

well as other matters and things that may be necessary, the Grand Treasurer to pay for the same on the order of Brother Jos. Howell.

Ordered,

That the Sermon and Prayer, as delivered by Brother Smith, Grand Sec$^{y.}$, some time since, be printed in the Book of Constitutions, and that the D$^{y.}$ G$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$ be ordered to present the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Bro. Smith for his care, attention, &c., in forming the same, which thanks are to be inserted in the said Book of Constitutions.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master having requested to resign the Chair, and agreeable to the Constitution nominated our Worthy Brother, William Adcock for the same, he was accordingly unanimously Chosen, Proclaimed, and Installed as such.

Brother Alexander Rutherford was appointed by the R. W. G$^{d.}$ Mas$^{r.}$, Dep$^{y.}$ Grand Master, Brother Thomas Proctor was chosen Senior Grand Warden, and Brother George Ord, Junior G$^{d.}$ Warden, and installed accordingly.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. William Smith, Grand Sec$^{y.}$; Bro. Cha$^{s.}$ Young, Grand Treas$^{r.}$; Brother Hand, Senior Deacon; Brother Service, Junior Deacon, and Brother Joseph Howell, Jun., D$^{y.}$ G$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$

On Motion, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the late R. W. G$^{d.}$ Master, for his care and great attention paid to this Lodge during his long continuance in the Chair, which, being unanimously agreed to, the same was given him by the R. W. Grand Master at the request of the Lodge.

Brothers Proctor, Ord and Young were appointed a Committee to procure a Seal somewhat larger than the one now used, with the same device, and also, with the Sec$^{y.}$, to revise the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in order that Circular Letters may be formed for the use and benefit of the Brethren under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 2 and 3 requests further time for the Payment of their dues, which was granted them.

Brother Boyle, Master of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 4, informed this Grand Lodge that he paid on the 8th of October last, the sum of Seven

pounds, ten shillings, (£7. 10.) on the Order of the R. W. Dy. Gd. Master, which he believes is in full of the dues to this day.

Lodge No. 5 requests further time for the payment of their dues.

Lodge No. 9, Brother Whitehead, Master, paid the dues of said Lodge commencing the 18th Decem., 1780, and ending this day to Bro. Chas. Young, Gd. Treasurer; amounting to Six pounds, ten shillings (£6. 10).

No. 13. Engages to pay their dues by next St. John's Day.

No. 14. Paid into the hands of Bro. Young, Gd. Treasurer, the Sum of Six pounds, in part of their dues commencing December, 1780. (pd. by Bro. Robeson, J. W.)

Lodge No. 15. Brother Hand, on behalf of this Lodge request to be indulged to the 23d April next. Granted.

No. 18. Bro. McCall, Master, paid into the hands of Brother Young, Gd. Treasr., the Sum of Six pounds, ten shillings on account of dues.

No. 31, being a New Lodge, begs the Indulgence of another Quarter, at which time they intend payment in full.

No. 32 produced their proceedings and a return of

the members with the dues to this day Amtg. to .	£3. 13
Paid by Bro. Philips to Bro. Young, Gd. Treas. .	1. 18. 4
Due this day from No. 32. . . .	£1. 14. 8

Lodge No. 11, paid by Bro. McGuffin to Bro. Young, Gd. Treasurer, the sum of 31/4 in part dues.

Recd. this day by Bro. Chas. Young, Gd. Treasury,

Lodge No. 9 of Bro. Whitehead . . .	£6. 10
" No. 11 of Bro. McGuffin . . .	1. 11. 4
" No. 14 of Bro. Robeson	6.
No. 18 of Bro. McCall	6. 10.
No. 32 of Bro. Phillips	1. 18. 4
	£22. 9. 8
and of Bro. Boyle of No. 4, in October last, .	7. 10.
	£29. 19. 8

Agreeable to the Order of the Grand Lodge this day, I presented the following to Bro. Sellers to be printed in the Book of Constitutions:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
November 22d, 1781.

The Abridgement of the Book of Constitutions being read, the same was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be printed; and also, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our beloved Brother, the Revd. William Smith, D. D., Grand Secy., for the great care and attention he has bestowed in revising and abridging the said Book of Constitutions.

Extract from the Minutes.
JOSEPH HOWELL, Junr., D. G. Scy.

DECEMBER 27, 1782.

St. John's Day, Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. Gd. Master, Wm. ADCOCK.

R. W. D. Gd. Mast., Alex. Rutherford.
Bros. Proctor, S. G. W.
Ord, J. G. W.
Young, Gd. Treasr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3 and 4 represented.

Brother Edward Weyman was duly recommended in form to the R. W. Gd. Master in the Chair, for Installation as Master of Lodge No. 38, to be held in Charles Town, South Carolina, and was accordingly Installed.

Lodge Closed in due Harmony at 2 o'clock.

At an Extra Grand Lodge, Feby. 3, 1783.

Present:

R. W. Grand Master. Bros. YOUNG, G. T.

R. W. D. G^d. Master. Howell, D. G. S.
Ord, S. G. W., P. T.
Whitehead, J. G. W., P. T.
Service, S. G. D., P. T.
Way, J. G. D., P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13 and 38 represented.

Opened in due form.

A Petition being preferred to this Grand Lodge on the 2^d. Septem. last, from several Brethren of Alexandria, in Virginia, for a Warrant to hold a Lodge there, which was ordered to lie over to the next Communication, in consequence of Bro. Adam, the proposed Master thereof, being found to possess his knowledge of Masonry in a Clandestine Manner, since which the s^d. Bro. Adam, having gone thro' the several Steps of Ancient Masonry in Lodge N°. 2, under the Jurisdiction of this R. W. G. Lodge, further prays that a Warrant may now be granted for the purposes mentioned in said Petition.

Ordered, That the Prayer of said Petition be complied with, and that the Sec^y. present Bro. Adam with a Warrant to hold a Lodge of Ancient Masons in Alexandria, in Virginia, to be numbered 39.

Brother Robert Adam was then duly recommended, and presented in form to the R. W. Grand Master in the Chair, for Installation as Master of Lodge N°. 39, to be held in the Borough of Alexandria, in Fairfax County, Virginia, and was accordingly Installed as such.

At the particular request of the attending members, the R. W. Grand Master, who possessed the right, dispensed with the forms and called Brother Joseph Howell, Jun., to the Chair, who, after receiving the Obligation, &c., of the Chair as Master of a Lodge, was saluted by the Brethren accordingly.

Unanimously agreed,

That the Fees to the Grand Sec^y. for the drawing and recording of a Warrant for a New Lodge, Parchment included, be one-fifth of the present amount of such Warrant.

Lodge closed in perfect Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

Received of Bro. Robert Adam, the sum of fifteen pounds

for Warrant N$^{o.}$ 39, and paid the same to Bro. Young, Grand Treasurer.

JOSEPH HOWELL, Jun., D. G. Sec.

MARCH 31, 1783.

Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. Grand Master. Bro. BALL, P. G. Mas$^{r.}$

R. W. T. Proctor, D. G. M., P. Tem.

Bro$^{s.}$ Ord, S. G. W., P. Tem.
Wistar, J. G. W., P. Tem.
Hand, S. G$^{d.}$ Deacon.
Service, J. G. Deacon.
Young, G$^{d.}$ Treasurer.
Jos. Howell, D. G. Sec$^{y.}$

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 15, 19, 31 and 33 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

On Motion, Resolved Unanimously, That the Committee appointed to settle the late Treasurer Bro. Wood's accounts, be continued and are now Invested with the full Authority of this Lodge to call on any Individual who they may suppose have either paid or received any Moneys whatever, which ought to appear on the Treasurer's Books, and in all respects to Act as they shall think necessary; and all Brethren of the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are required to render every help and aid to this Committee in their power.

Unanimously agreed,

That from the peculiar situation of Bro$^{r.}$ Weyman, Master, (of a New Lodge to be held in Charles Town, So. Carolina,) of N$^{o.}$ 38, this Grand Lodge do admit Brother Weyman to receive the Warrant, drawn for the said Lodge from the Grand Treasurer; Brother Weyman giving his obligation to the G$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$ for the payment of the same as soon as may be.

Brother Proctor, on behalf of Brother Dan$^{l.}$ Oldenbruch, of late Lodge N$^{o.}$ 13 of Ancient Masons, requested this Grand Lodge would order a Grand Certificate to be given to s$^{d.}$ Brother, he having lost the one formerly presented him, (with his Baggage) at one of the actions to the Southward, and that the said Brother lives 20 or 30 miles distant from any Lodge of Ancient Masons.

A Ballot being taken, it was agreed that the request be complied with, and that Brother Proctor inform the said Brother that it is the wish of this Grand Lodge that he would, as soon as convenient, partake of the Benefits of some Lodge of Ancient Masons by becoming a member thereof.

A Letter was read addressed to the R. W. D$^{y.}$ G$^{d.}$ Master, from Brother Antes, Master of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 22, advising of the appointing of Brother John Vannost, Esq., a member of s$^{d.}$ Lodge, to represent the same in this Grand Lodge. The sense of the Grand Lodge being taken on the propriety of Brother Vannost's representing the said Lodge was agreed to lie over, he not being an officer of the same.

Agreed, the Seal heretofore used by this G$^{d.}$ Lodge be continued.

The Committee appointed (via page 56) are continued on the business then assigned them.

The D$^{y.}$ G$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$ informed this Lodge that the sum of £1. 6. 8, was due to Brother Jn$^{o.}$ Connar, for refreshments supplied this G$^{d.}$ Lodge in Feb$^{y.}$ last. Ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay the same.

The late R. W. G. Master presented the Grand Warrant to the R. W. G. Master in the Chair.

Brother John Stockton, Master of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 33, paid the sum of Nine dollars into the hands of Bro. Joseph Howell, Jun., on account of dues for s$^{d.}$ Lodge.

Lodge closed in perfect Harmony, 3 o'clock P. M.

St. John's Day, 24th June, 1783.

Quarterly Communication.

Present:

R. W. William Adcock, Gd. Master.

R. W. Alexander Rutherford, D. Gd. Master.

Bros. Thomas Proctor, S. G. W.
George Ord, J. G. W.
Wm. Miller, S. G. D., P. T.
Wm. Tilton, J. G. D., P. T.
Chas. Young, Grand Treasurer.
Jos. Howell, Jun., D. Gd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 13 and 19 represented.

A Letter from Brother Antis, Master of Lodge No. 22, being read, informing this G. Lodge of Brother Vannost's being regularly passed the Chair, and requesting his admission as Representative of said Lodge in this G. L., the same was unanimously agreed to.

A Letter addressed to the R. W. G. Master, from Brother Weyman, Master of Lodge No. 38, held at Charles Town, South Carolina, was read, informing of the undue influence of certain Persons who make profession of Masonry there, and requesting advice in the same, when Brothers Rutherford, Proctor and Jennings were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, agreed that a Circular Letter be formed and sent to the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Gd. Lodge, informing them of the Book of Constitutions being ready for delivery, requesting to know what number each Lodge will take. The above-named Committee, appointed to form and send the same.

On motion, agreed that Brothers Sellers and Woodhouse shall have the Privilege of disposing of the Books of Constitutions to those Brethren who may want the same, at the rate of 5/p each Book, p Dozen and 7/6 for each single one, untill next St. John's day, when this Gd. Lodge agrees to receive and pay for those which may be left on hand. Brother Sellers informed that 2000 books were printed, 1000 of which were ordered to be bound neatly.

On Motion, agreed that Two Dozen of the Books of Constitutions be sent to Brother Weyman, Master of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 38, held in Charles Town, S$^{o.}$ Carolina, and for which this G$^{d.}$ Lodge will advance the money. Bro. Whitehead is requested to take charge of and forward the same, and the G$^{d.}$ Treasurer is desired to charge Brother Weyman with the amount of s$^{d.}$ Books, being Six pounds.

On Motion, Resolved, That the sum of Three dollars be paid for any dispensation granted by this Grand Lodge, for the Initiation of those Persons who may become Masons, Two dollars of which to be applied to the Funds of the Grand Lodge and one dollar to the Secretary for his trouble in drawing and recording the same, the money to be paid to the Secretary before the Dispensation be given.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 25, sent a Return of their Members, and paid into the hands of Bro$^{r.}$ Jos. Howell, Jun., Sec$^{y.,}$ the sum of Four pounds being for their dues from the 1$^{st.}$ Jan$^{y.,}$ to this day, which sum of four pounds was paid to Bro. C. Young, Grand Treasurer, by Bro. Howell.

The several Lodges present, made returns of their Officers, for the ensuing 6 Months, viz.:

N$^{o.}$ 2. Proctor, Master; Erdman, S. W.; Hopes, J. W.
3. Hamilton, Mas$^{r.}$; W. Tilton, S. W.; R. Cocks, J. W.
4. Jenning, Mas$^{r.}$; S. Shober, S. W.; Henry Purcell, J. W.
9. Service, Mas$^{r.}$; Culbertson, S. W.; Stafford, J. W.
11. Ez$^{l.}$ Bowen, Mas$^{r.}$; R. McGuffin, S. W.; Tristram Moore, J. W.
13. Nourse, Mas$^{r.}$; Jos. Howell, jun., S. W.; S. Nicholas, J. W.

Bro. Ez$^{l.}$ Bowen, Mas$^{r.}$ Lodge N$^{o.}$ 11, informed the Secretary that the Warrant for their Lodge has not been paid for; at the same time paid the dues of said Lodge to Bro. Jos. Howell amount$^{g.}$ to three pounds 2/6 to this day.

Bro. Young rec$^{d.}$	this day of	Lodge N$^{o.}$	25,	.	£4
Bro. Howell	do.	do.	11,	.	3. 2. 6.
					£7. 2. 6.

Closed at 5 o'clock P. M.

JULY 8, 1783.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Present:

R. W. Wm. ADCOCK, Gd. Master.

R. W. M. Jennings, Dy. Gd. Masr., P. T.
T. Proctor, S. G. W.
Geo. Ord, J. G. W.
Ertman, S. G. D., P. T.
S. Shober, J. G. D., P. T.
Jos. Howell, Jun., D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13 and 19 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

A Memorial from the Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, late of West Florida, and now of Charles Town, South Carolina, with sundry Papers relative thereto, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, were laid before this Lodge and received a full reading. Agreed, that a Letter be written to the Master and Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, referring and recommending them to our worthy Brother, Edward Weyman, of Lodge No. 38, to whom a letter is also requested to be written, granting full power and authority to act, agreeably to directions to be given to him by this Gd. Lodge. The Committee (vide page 62) together with Brothers Hamilton and Vannost, are appointed to that business, and are desired to lay their proceedings before the Gd. Lodge at their next meeting.

Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

JULY 12, 1783.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Present:

R. W. Wm. ADCOCK, G. M.

R. W. Alex. Rutherford, D. G. M.
Bros. Thos. Proctor, S. G. W.
" M. Jennings, J. G. W., P. T.
" Ertman, S. G. W., P. T.
" S. Shober, J. G. D., P. T.
" Jos. Howell, Jun., Dy. Gd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13 and 22 represented.

The Committee appointed last meeting having laid before this Gd. Lodge their several letters to Bro. Weyman, Masr. of Lodge No. 38, and to the Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, they were unanimously adopted.

On Motion, Ordered, that the Secy prepare and draw a Warrant (for the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1), to be No. 40, which Warrant is to be transmitted to Bro. Weyman, Masr. of Lodge No. 38, to be by him delivered to the Master and members of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, provided that the Master and members of sd. Lodge are found to be of the Ancient and honorable Fraternity, and accepts to be under this Jurisdiction.

Ordered, That two dozen Books of the Constitutions be sent to Bro. Weyman, he to be charged with the same, the sum of six pounds (see page 63).

On Motion, Ordered, That three dozen Books of the Constitutions be presented to our worthy Brother, the Revd. Docr. Smith, for the great care and attention which he has paid in revising the same—as also a Letter expressing the thanks of this Gd. Lodge to him, the Committee appointed (vide pa. 63) are requested to perform this business.

Closed in Harmony a h past 9 o'clock.

SEPTEM. 29, 1783.

Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. WILL. ADCOCK, G. M.

R. W. Thos. Proctor, D. G. M., P. T.

Bro. Geo. Ord, S. G. W., P. T.

John Service, J. G. W., P. T.

Wm. Tilton, S. G. D., P. T.

Erdman, J. G. D., P. T.

Chas. Young, Gd. Treasurer.

Jos. Howell, Jun., Dy. Gd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 19, 29 and 39 represented.

A Letter from Brother John Coats, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, informing him of several Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, forming themselves into a Grand Lodge and requesting this Lodge to concur in the same had a full hearing.

The Question was put by the R. W. Grand Master, is it the opinion of this Gd. Lodge that the dues of those Lodges should be paid to this Lodge to the time of forming themselves into a Gd. Lodge? The same was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

Brothers Young, Hamilton and Jennings were appointed a Committee to answer the letter of Brother Coats, and report the same at the next Communication.

A Letter from Brother George Carter, Master of Lodge No. 40, of Charleston, addressed the R. W. Gd. Master, was read, informing that he had received the Warrant sent him by this Gd. Lodge, by the hands of Brother Weyman, as also one other Letter to Brother Joseph Howell, with a power appointing him and Bro. Michl. Jennings, proxies on behalf of Lodge No. 40, which was admitted.

Closed in perfect harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

DECEM. 25, 1783.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. Wm. ADCOCK, Gd. Master.

R. W. A. Rutherford, Dy. Gd. Mast.

Bro. Thos. Proctor, S. G. Warden.

Jno. Service, J. G. W., P. T.

Erdman, S. G. W., P. T.

Shober, J. G. W., P. T.

Jos. Howell, Jun., D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 9, 13, 22, 29 and 40 represented.

Lodge opened in form, when the propriety of the Brethren

of the several Lodges walking in procession on Saturday next, being St. John's Day, to St. Paul's Church to hear divine service, was taken into consideration, when the same was unanimously agreed to. Also, agreed the R. W. Gd. Masr., Dy. Gd. Master, Bros. Proctor, Service, Erdman, Jennings and Way be a Committee to wait on the Revd. Docr. Magaw, and request him to prepare a Charity Sermon for that day.

On motion, Agreed that the aforesaid Committee conduct the procession, and distribute the Charity which may be collected, viz., one-third to the poor of the Craft, one-third to the poor of the City, and one-third to the poor confined Debtors in Gaol.

Closed in Harmony a 10 o'clock, P. M.

St. John's Day, Decr. 27th, 1783.

A. M.

Agreeably to appointment, the several Lodges, being properly assembled, walked in Masonic Procession from the Lodge in Lodge Alley to St. Paul's Church, where a sermon suited to the occasion was delivered by the Reverend Doctr. Mcgaw, after which was collected for the Relief of the Poor. The Brethren then returned in the above Form. The whole was conducted in the greatest order, decorum, and Decency, and the remainder of the day spent in good Harmony

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P. M.

Decr. 27th, 1783.

Grand Lodge, St. John's day.

Present:

R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M.

Bro. T. Proctor, S. G. W.

Geo. Ord, J. G. W.

M. Hand, S. G. D.

Geo. Reid, J. G. D., p. t.

J. Howell, Jr., Dy. Gd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 15, 19, 22, 29, 38 and 40 represented.

Lodge opened in due Form.

This being St. John the Evangelist's Day, agreeably to Ancient Custom, the Lodge proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, when the R. W. Gd. Master, Wm. Adcock, was nominated, reappointed, and by the Grand Secretary thrice proclaimed aloud Grand Master of Masons, and he was pleased to appoint the R. W. Alexander Rutherford, Dy. Gd. Master.

Brother Proctor was unanimously chosen S. G. Warden, and Brother Ord was chosen J. G. Warden; Br. Howell, Gd. Secretary; Br. Jennings, D. G. Secy. and Br. Hamilton as Treasurer. Brs. Hand and Service are continued as Deacons.

Brother Griffith Jordan, Masr. No. 14, presented the Minutes of that Lodge for the last year, and delivered to the Grand Secy. the sum of £6. 16. 8 in part of dues for last year which was paid into the hands of Br. Hamilton, Treasurer.

Brother Proctor produced a letter with a Resolve of Lodge No. 38 appointing him, Brother Charles Young and Br. Richd. Wistar as proxies to represent said Lodge in this Grand Lodge. The same being read was unanimously admitted.

A Petition signed by several Brethren, a committee of Lodge No. 29, requesting that the Warrant should be called in, or that Certificates may be given to the petitioners, as they cannot receive any benefit from said warrant, as the Master of that Lodge is now a great distance from this place, was presented and read.

On Motion, Unanimously Agreed, That *all* travelling Warrants heretofore granted by this Grand Lodge, be called in by the Grand Secy.

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Brothers Fox, Hamilton and Howell, be appointed to settle the accounts of this Grand Lodge.

The Secretary and Treasurer were qualified for their different Offices.

Brother Howell produced a Receipt from Br. Charles Young, late Grand Treasurer, for the sum of £8, received from sundry persons for this Grand Lodge, which receipt is lodged in the hands of the present Grand Treasurer.

On Motion, Unanimously Agreed, That the sincere thanks of the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania, with the Officers of the different Lodges, be given to the Reverend Dr. Mcgaw, for his great politeness in attending the Grand Masonic Procession this day and delivering a Charity Sermon at their Request in St. Paul's Church.

The Committee appointed on the 25th Instant, are requested to present the same.

Lodge closed in Harmony at ½ past 9 o'clock.

March 29th, 1784, A. M.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Br. Ord, S. G. W., p. t.
Farrell, J. G. W., p. t.
Hand, S. G. D.
Culbertson, J. G. D., p. t.
J. Howell, Jr., Gd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 15, 29 and 40 represented.

Lodge opened in due Form.

The Committee, appointed Sepr. 29th, produced a Copy of a Letter wrote to Br. John Coats at Talbot Court House, which was approved of.

The Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of this Grand Lodge, report, that from the disordered State of the Books and Papers, they have been unable to complete the business; they have therefore recommended the propriety and necessity of sending a circular letter to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, requesting from them an account of the different Sums that have been hitherto paid to this Grand Lodge. The said Committee are continued on the business.

In consequence of no reply being received from the Convention at Talbot Court House, Brs. Fox and Smith are ap-

pointed a Committee to write to the different Lodges under said Convention, and request a further account of their proceedings and determination.

Brother Howell on the part of Br. Leacock presented an account against this Lodge for printing the Frontis-Pieces of the late Book of Constitutions and finding paper for the same, amounting to £14.4, which the Grand Treasr. is ordered to settle.

Brother Howell reported that he has received Bror. Bernard £6 on account of dues of Lodge No. 16, and £5 on account of dues of No. 13, which he paid into the hands of the Grand Treasr., Brother Hamilton, who has received 20 / of Lodge No. 25 of Bristol, and acknowledges to have received of Brother Rutherford £4.15, being in part of dues from Lodge No. 35 held at Joppa.

Brother Howell produced a letter from Br. Carter, of Lodge No. 40, of Charlestown, recommending a Brother Ekerman, a Member of that Lodge, who in Consequence of Shipwreck is in a distressed situation.

On motion, Agreed, That the Grand Treasurer pay into the hands of Brother Ekerman for his Relief, the sum of Thirty Dollars.

Brs. Fox, Smith and Erdman are appointed a Committee to enquire into certain informations communicated by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and make report to this Lodge at their next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, Agreed, That the Propriety of raising a contribution for the purpose of building a Lodge, be recommended to the Lodges in the city, the Officers of which are requested to report the sense of the different bodies at our next Quarterly Communication.

Closed in good harmony at ½ past 1 o'clock.

April 16th, 1784.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Present: R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M.

Brother Howard, S. G. W., p. t.
Whitehead, J. G. W., p. t.
Hamilton, S. G. W., p. t.
Farrell, J. G. W., p. t.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 40 represented.

Lodge opened in due Form.

Bro. Coats produced a copy of Minutes of the Grand Convention held at Maryland, wherein they Resolved unanimously, That Application be made to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a Warrant to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge. Brother Coats also informed this Lodge that he was appointed, together with three other Brethren, to negotiate the business respecting the Warrant and payment of the Arrears due from the different Bodies forming the Convention, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That Brothers Fox, Smith, and Hamilton, be appointed a Committee to enquire whether this Lodge has power and authority to grant a Warrant to form another Grand Lodge, and make report thereof at next Quarterly Communication; for which purpose they are to be furnished with all necessary books and papers.

The Committee appointed the 29th of March are discharged from the business mentioned in the Transactions of that day.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at ½ past 10 o'ck.

JUNE 17th, 1784.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. WILLIAM ADCOCK, G. M.
R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M.
Br. T. Proctor, S. G. W.
Ord, J. G. W.
Jones, S. G. D.
Shober, J. G. D.
Ball, P. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, 19, 25 and 40 represented.

Lodge opened in due Form.

The present and the late Grand Master, the dep^y. G^d. Master, Brothers Fox and Smith, are appointed a Committee to devise the best ways and means for accommodating the Lodges in this City with a House, and report the same next Quarterly Communication; they are fully empowered to call to their Assistance such members of the different Lodges in this City as they may think proper. The said Committee are requested to form a circular Letter to be sent to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, including such Remarks and Observations as may appear to them most beneficial to the Craft, and present the same on next S^t. John's Day.

A Letter directed to the R. W. D. G. M., enclosing a Petition signed by Brother Crafts and other members, requesting a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, was laid before this Lodge. Unanimously agreed, That a Warrant be granted, and that the Grand Secretary prepare the same, with the names of Thomas Crafts as Master, Willis Wilson as Senior Warden, and Obadiah Bosworth as Junior Warden.

In Consequence of a Letter received from Alexander Petrie, late of Lodge N°. 40, and a Representation of the Irregularities of Lodges N°. 38 and N°. 40 (communicated by Brother Young), Bros. Proctor, Young, Howell and Jennings, Proxies to said Lodges, are directed to write to and give them such Brotherly Admonition as may appear necessary.

The late Grand Master is requested to produce the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge on next S^t. John's Day, at which time they are to be read.

Brothers Peter Hadengram and Doctor Olenberg (the latter a Prisoner confined for debt in Lancaster Jail and recommended by Brother Proctor,) having made Application for Relief, Ordered, That the Sum of Five Pounds be paid to each of them for that purpose.

A Letter directed to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, signed by Samuel Earle, Sec^y. of Lodge N°. 6, and inclosing £3 in part of Dues, was presented and read. Brother Earle

has given Information of the following Members expelled that Lodge, viz.: A. S., W. R., B. D., Jun., and J. H., Jun.; Ordered that the Grand Secret^y. answer the same and send it by first convenient Oppo^y. The Grand Sec^y. has received £6. 10, from Brother Proctor in full for Travelling Warrant N°. 31, of the Jersey Line and paid the same to Hall and Sellers in part for printing 500 Copies of Doctor McGaw's Sermon. The Grand Treasurer is ordered to pay said Hall and Sellers £1. 16. 8, being the balance of their account.

Brother Hamilton has received from Brother Redman of Lodge N°. 25, Twenty Shillings for Lodge Dues, and £3 from Brother Adcock in part of Dues of Lodge N°. 6.

Unanimously Agreed, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden wait upon his Excellency, The Chevalier De Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Court of France to the United States of America, and pray him in the Name of this Grand Lodge to accept of the Sermon preached on the 27th of December last by the Rev^d. D^r. Magaw, and dedicated to him by their order.

Lodge Closed in good harmony at 5 o'clock, P. M.

S^T. JOHN'S DAY, June 24th, 1784.

Present: R. W. W^M. ADCOCK, G. M.
B^rs. Erdman, S. G. W., p. T.
Tilton, J. G. W., p. T.
Milnor, S. G. D., p. T.
Jones, J. G. D., p. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 40 represented.

Lodge opened in due Form.

The Committee mentioned in the Minutes of the 17th Instant, to form a circular letter to the different Grand Lodges in the United States are continued on that business.

Lodge closed in good harmony at 6 o'clock and adjourned to the 2^d. Saturday in July.

JUNE 26th, 1784.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Present:

R. W. Wm. ADCOCK, G. M.

R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M.

Brothr. Culbertson, S. G. W., p. t.

Stafford, J. G. W., p. t.

Howell, S. G. D., p. t.

Purcell, J. G. D., p. t.

Lodge opened in due Form.

Agreeably to order the Grand Secretary presented a Warrant constituting and appointing Br. Thomas Crafts as Master, Brothr. Willis Wilson as S. W., and Br. Obadiah Bosworth as Junior Warden of Lodge No. 41, to be held at the Town of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, which being signed by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, Brother Crafts, agreeably to antient Usage, was in due form installed as Master of said Lodge No. 41, and returned thanks on the part of the petitioning Brethren for the Honour conferred on them.

Lodge closed in good Harmony at 10 o'clock.

AUG. 4th, 1784.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. Wm. ADCOCK, G. M.

R. W. Ar. Rutherford, D. G. M.

Br. T. Procter, S. G. W.

G. Ord, J. G. W.

Jones, S. G. D.

Culbertson, J. G. D., p. T.

Hamilton, Treasr.

Howell, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 13, 19 and 40 represented.

Brother Fox, on behalf of the Committee appointed last St. John's day to form a Circular Letter to the several Grand

Lodges in the United States, presented one, which being read was unanimously approved of.

Ordered, That the Secretary transcribe fair Copies of the same, and send them to the several Grand Masters in the United States as soon as possible.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock.

Oct. 29th, 1784.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Brother Farmer, D. G. M., p. T.
Farrell, S. G. W., p. T.
Milnor, J. G. W., p. T.
Stafford, S. G. D., p. T.
Jones, J. G. D., p. T.
Howell, G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13 and 40 represented.

The Petition of a number of Brethren from the State of Georgia for a Warrant to establish a Lodge in Savannah, was read; also, a letter directed to the Grand Secretary from Br. Justus Hartmann Scheuber, acting Secretary to the Brethren named in the above mentioned Petition, who have formed themselves into a Society of Brethren with the concurrence of the Lodges in So. Carolina. This Grand Lodge cannot consider them as regularly constituted, but as Brethren highly respect them. Brothers Farrel, Farmer and Howell are appointed a Committee to answer their Letter.

Brother Carter has informed the Grand Secretary that he paid Brother Weyman for Warrant No. 40 and the Books of Constitution sent to that Body.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock.

DEC^R. 20th, 1784.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

R. W. W^M. ADCOCK, G. M.

A. Rutherford, D. G. M.
Smith, S. G. W., p. T.
Hand, J. G. W., p. T.
Jones, S. G. D., p. T.
Service, J. G. D.
Hamilton, G^d. Treas^r.
Howell, G^d. Sec^y.
Jennings, D. G. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 40 represented.

A Letter from Justus H. Scheuber, with a duplicate of a Petition from sundry Brethren of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, were laid before this Lodge and read. Ordered, That the G^d. Secretary prepare a Warrant, with the name of Thomas Else as Master, Oliver Lewis as Senr. Warden, and Balthaser Schaffer as Junior Warden of N°. 42, to be held at Savannah, in the State of Georgia, and to be dated Octr. 29th, 1784.

Two Letters from B^r. Crafts to the deputy Grand Master, the first inclosing £15 as Payment for Warrant N°. 41, and the other acknowledging Receipt of said Warrant, were read and approved of.

Brother Moore, on behalf of Lodge N°. 11, presented a list of the Brethren, and paid into the Hands of the Treas^r. £6. 10. 0, in full of their Warrant, and £1. 7. 6 on Acc^t. of Lodge Dues. Brother Robinson on behalf of N°. 14 presented the Returns of said Lodge, and paid into the Hands of the Treas^r. £6. 10. 0 in Part of Dues.

A Letter from B^r. McCall to the D. G. M., recommending to the Grand Lodge B^r. Johnston, the present Master of N°. 18, was read and approved of.

Brother Johnston paid into the Hands of the Treas^r. £15 in Part of Dues of Lodge N°. 18.

A Letter from the Worshipful George Carter, M^r. of Lodge N°. 40 was read, likewise the Returns of that Body; from

which it appears that the Proceedings against Brother Alexander Petrie were regular and masonic. This Lodge is nevertheless of Opinion, that if Br. Petrie make such acknowledgements as may appear satisfactory, that he be again received into said Lodge, and that Brothers Howell and Jennings, Representatives of No. 40, endeavour to reconcile Matters between Br. Petrie and that Body.

The Grand Secretary reported that he has received Traveling Warrant No. 29 of the Pennsylvania Line, and No. 36 of the Jersey Line.

On Motion, Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Brothers Fox, Smith and Vannost, be appointed to form By-Laws and Regulations for this Grand Lodge, and present the same at next Quarterly Communication.

A Memorial from Br. Michael Leonard, praying Relief from this Body was presented and read. Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee of Charity.

This being the Annual Communication, agreeably to Ancient Custom the Lodge proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, when the Rt. Worshipful William Adcock, Esqr. was nominated and reappointed Grand Master of Masons, and he was pleased to appoint the Rt. Worshipful Alexander Rutherford, Depy. Grand Master. Brother Ord was unanimously chosen S. G. Warden, and Br. Tilton, J. G. Warden. Br. Howell was continued as Gd. Secy., and Br. Jennings as D. G. Sy. Brother Hamilton was chosen Treasurer. Brs. Hand and Jones are appointed Deacons.

Unanimously Agreed, That Br. H. D. Purcell be appointed Grand Sword Bearer.

Received a Letter from Joseph Webb, Esqr., Grand Master of Masons at Boston, the Consideration of which is postponed till next Quarterly Communication.

Unanimously Agreed, That the Brethren of the several Lodges walk in Masonic Procession on next St. John's Day, to attend divine service at Christ's Church, and that the R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Dy. Grand Master wait on the Revd. Dr. White, and request him to prepare a Charity Sermon for that Day.

Ordered, that the following Advertisement be inserted in the different Public Papers:

All Members of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons are particularly requested to meet on Monday next, precisely at 9 o'clock, in the Forenoon, at the Lodge Room, in Lodge Alley, from thence to walk, in Masonic Procession, to Christ Church, where a Charity Sermon will be delivered for the Poor of the Craft, the Poor of the Congregation, and the distressed Prisoners confined in the Gaol. After the sermon an anthem will be sung, suitable to the occasion.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 7 o'clock.

Decr. 28th, 1784.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. W^m. Adcock, G. M.

Brother W^m. Tilton, S. G. W., p. T.
Jon^a. B. Smith, J. G. W., p. T.
Taylor, S. G. D., p. T.
Jones, J. G. D., p. T.
Howell, G^d. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 13 and 40 represented.

The R. W. G. M. was installed in due Form, likewise B^r. Tilton as J. G. Warden.

A Petition from B^r. W^m. Vize was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Rev^d. D^r. White, for his Politeness in accompanying the Fraternity and delivering a Sermon before them on S^t. John's Day. B^rs. Tilton, Smith and Howell are appointed a Committee to wait on M^r. White for that Purpose, and request a Copy of the Sermon for the Press.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

MARCH 28th, 1785.

Quarterly Communication.

Present:

R. W. WILLIAM ADCOCK, G. M.

R. W. Alexander Rutherford, D. G. M.

Brother Tilton, S. G. W., p. T.
Service, J. G. W., p. T.
Purcell, S. G. D., p. T.
Jones, J. G. D.
Hamilton, Tr.
Howell, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 40 represented.

Brother Ord was installed S. G. W., and took his place as such.

Brother Tilton took his place as J. G. W.

A Letter from Br. Justus H. Scheuber to the Secretary was read, forwarding 38 dollars for Warrant No. 42, which was paid to the Grand Treasurer. The Warrant was produced and signed by the Grand Officers.

Brother Smith, on behalf of the Committee to form the By-Laws, reported That the matter was not accomplished. The Committee are requested to furnish them next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee on Charity report that they have paid to Sundries the Sum of £26. 6. 8.

Brother Hamilton reports, That he has received 2 dollars on the Charity Fund.

The Committee appointed to wait on Doctr. White, report that agreeable to Order they presented the Thanks of the Grand Lodge to him, and that in Consequence of their Request he politely gave a Copy of the Sermon for the Press.

Agreed, That the R. W. Grand Master, D. G. Master, and S. G. Warden be a Committee to provide Jewels for the Officers of the Grand Lodge, of such Metal as they may think proper.

The Thanks of the Vestry of Church was presented by the R. W. Gd. Master, signed by Woodrop Sims, Church Warden, for the Charity collected on St. John s day last.

A Letter signed by Nicholas Heyliger, Gd. Secy. of the Grand Lodge at St. Martins, was introduced by Br. Howell, inclosing a Copy of the Minutes of said Lodge, dated Augst. 19th, 1784, by which it appears That George Drumgoole was by them incapacitated from becoming a Mason, as he had recanted from his Resolution for Reasons not sufficient to them.

Ordered, That Brs. Smith, Humphreys and Brush be a Committee to write to the Brethren of St. Martins.

On Motion, Ordered, that a Circular Letter be drawn and sent to the several Lodges in this State, under this Jurisdiction, to request a Subscription for Money, to be raised to purchase, if necessary, the House called the Lodge, in Lodge Alley, and that Brothers Smith, Humphreys and Bush be a Committee for that Purpose.

A Letter from Halifax, 20th Decr., 1784, addressed to Brother Proctor, inclosing the Minutes of a Lodge held at said place, requesting a friendly and brotherly Intercourse, was read. Ordered, That the Letter be answered by the above Committee, and that a List of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction be sent with it.

A Petition from Monsr. De La Marquisse requesting a Donation was read. To be referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Line from Brother Proctor addressed to the Treasurer requesting relief for Brother Copeland, also one from James Berwick confined in Goal, and a petition of the late Widow of Captn. Lang, now Logan, were referred to the above Committee.

Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

April 21st, 1785.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

Brother Wm. Tilton, J. G. W., in the Chair.
Bernard, P. M., D. G. M., p. T.
Jones, S. G. W., p. T.
Pennington, J. G. W., p. T.

Humphreys, S. G. D., p. T.
Gray, J. G. D., p. T.
Hamilton, G. T.
Howell, G. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 16, 22 and 40 represented.

The Committee appointed to write to the Grand Lodge of St. Martins, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Circular Letter to the Brethren of the Several Lodges in this State produced a draft of each, which met with approbation. Ordered that the Sec^y. forward them as soon as possible.

A Petition from a Number of Brethren from the Borough of Lancaster, praying for a Warrant, was taken into consideration.

On Motion, Agreed that the Secretary prepare a Warrant, No. 43, with the name of Stephen Chambers, Master; John Doyle, Senior Warden, and Henry Stuber, Junior Warden, to be delivered on their paying for the same.

The Secretary informed this Lodge that he has received from one of the Brethren of the said proposed Lodge the sum of 28 Dollars, which he paid into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer.

The Secretary has also received the sum of 40 dollars for Warrant No. 40, held in Charlestown, which sum (with the approbation of the G^d. Master,) is to remain in his Hands to pay Brother Sellers and others who have Accounts against the Grand Lodge.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 7 o'clock.

JUNE 20th, 1785.

Grand Lodge, Q^y. Comm^n.

Present: R. W. W^m. ADCOCK, G. M.
A. Rutherford, D. G. M.
B^r. G. Ord, S. G. W.
Tilton, J. G. W.
Delany, J. G. D.
Hunt, S. G. D., p. T.
Jennings, D. G. T.

Lodges 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 40 represented.

An Address from Br. Andrew Bankson was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Grand Treasurer is impowered to settle the Accounts of Brother Woodhouse, and to receive from him the remaining Copies of the Constitution.

Unanimously Agreed, That agreeably to the Prayer of several petitioning Brethren a Warrant be granted, appointing Br. Daniel Cummings, Master; Br. Samuel Freeman, Senior Warden, and Br. James Berry, Junior Warden, of Lodge No. 44, to be held in the Village, called Duck Creek, in the State of Delaware, (Cross Roads), and that the same be prepared by the Secretary as soon as possible. Br. Rutherford paid into the Hands of the Treasurer £15 in full for the aforesaid Warrant.

Ordered, That a Dispensation be sent with the said Warrant, empowering Brs. Mark McCall, Duncan Beard, William Johnson, and William Braford, or any two of them, to install in due form the said Brothers Daniel Cummings, Samuel Freeman and James Berry.

Received a Letter from the Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Webb, Grand Master of Masonry at Boston, inclosing sundry Papers, Rules and Regulations, which are referred to Brothers Humphreys, Smith and Jennings, who are appointed a Committee to answer the same.

Received from Brother Andrew Dunscomb the names of the Grand Officers of the State of Virginia, viz.: James Mercer, Esqr., G. M.; Edmund Randolph, D. G. M.; Leighton Wood, Gd. Secy.; John M. Galt, Treasr. The Grd. Secy. is requested to make Enquiry as to their Antiquity.

The Grand Treasr. has received from Br. John Clarke, of Lodge No. 25, fifteen shillings for Lodge dues.

Closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

St. John's Day, June 24th, 1785.

Present:

The R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Brother Tilton, S. G. W., p. T.
Hand, J. G. W., p. T.
Caracker, S. G. D., p. T.
Wilkie, J. G. D., p. T.
Jennings, D. G. S.
Hamilton, Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 15 and 40 represented.

On Motion, Agreed, That a letter be prepared by the Secretary and sent to the different Lodges out of this State, requesting a settlement of their Accounts with the Grand Lodge and Payment of their Dues.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer and Secretary be a Committee to settle the Accounts with the different Lodges in this City, and make Report of their Proceedings.

Closed in Harmony at 5 o'clock

Oct. 8th, 1785.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.
Smith, S. G. W., p. T.
Fox, J. G. W., p. T.
Nones, S. G. D., p. T.
Bartram, J. G. D., p. T.
Hamilton, Gd. Treasr.
Jennings, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9 and 40 represented.

Read a letter from the Worshipful Br. Samuel May and Br. J. Gamul Dowdall, Secretary of Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, inclosing the Minutes and Proceedings of said Lodge, and pointing out the Numerous Difficulties under which they have laboured, in consequence of the Death and Departure of many of their Brethren from that Body, which having been taken into Consideration,

Unanimously Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve in

the strongest Manner of the Conduct and Proceedings of Brothers Samuel May, Edward McGuire, David Kennedy and J. G. Dowdall, for their Zeal and Attention to the Interests of Masonry, and of their Exertions on the 2d. of February last; and this Grand Lodge do also highly approve of the Conduct of the Brethren of Lodge No. 12, and are of Opinion that the said Lodge merit the Thanks and respect of all regular Masons, and recommend to them a continuance of their Zeal.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Gd. Lodge be transmitted by the R. W. Gd. Master to Lodge No. 12, and that the said Lodge be assured of all the Protection and Advice this Grand Lodge can afford them.

Closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

October 27th, 1785.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

R. W. A. Rutherford, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Bros. Tilton, S. G. W., p. T.
Humphreys, J. G. W., p. T.
Pickering, S. G. D., p. T.
Few, J. G. D., p. T.
Hamilton, Gd. Treasr.
Jennings, D. G. S.
Ball, P. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 40 represented.

Ordered that Brs. Humphreys and Hamilton be added to the Committee to form By-Laws for the Regulation of the Grand Lodge, appointed the 20th Decr. last.

The R. W. D. Gd. Master informed this Body, That a Committee of the present proprietors of this Lodge House had offered to the different Lodges the three upper Rooms, at the Rent of £30 pr annum. Agreed, that the Proposal be accepted.

The Right Worshipful D. G. Master also reported, That Br.

Joseph Dean had offered a Lot containing 40 feet in front and 130 feet in Depth, for one Penny p^r. ann. Ground Rent for ever, provided the Free Masons will build on the same.

Unanimously Agreed, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our worthy Brother Joseph Dean, and that the R. W. D. G. Master, Brother Ball and Brother Few be appointed to wait on Brother Dean, acquaint him they will accept the same and assure him that they are perfectly sensible of his generous Offer.

Agreed, That the R. W. Grand Master, D. G. Master, B^rs. Humphreys, Smith and Few be appointed Trustees to receive from B^r. Joseph Dean a Deed in Trust for the use of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the Officers of the several Lodges to collect a sum of Money from their Members as soon as possible, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, who is empowered to receive it.

It being reported to this Lodge, That one-third of the Purchase Money arising from the sale of the Lodge House will be applied to a Charitable Purpose, Ordered, That the R. W. G. Master, Brother Ball and B^r. Humphreys be a Committee to wait upon the late Proprietaries, inform them of our Intention of building a New Lodge House, and solicit from them a Preference in their intended donation.

Closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

DEC^R. 6th, 1785.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. W^M. ADCOCK, G. M.
Rutherford, D. G. M.
B^r. A. Humphreys, S. G. W., p. T.
Few, J. G. W., p. T.
Delaney, S. G. D., p. T.
Stafford, J. G. D., p. T.
Jennings, D. G. Sec^y.
Hamilton, G^d. Treas^r.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 38 and 40 represented.

Br. Humphreys presented a Deed in Fee Simple from Br. Joseph Dean and Hannah, his Wife, to William Ball, Alexander Rutherford, Jonathan B. Smith, Asheton Humphreys and Joseph Few, and to their Heirs and Assigns, for the Uses and Purposes therein mentioned; Likewise a Deed or Declaration of Trust from the said Trustees to the aforesaid Joseph Dean, which have met with the full Approbation of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of which the Trustees are requested to have the said Deeds and all other necessary Instruments of Writing executed and recorded.

It is unanimously Agreed, That our new Building be styled the Grand Lodge House of Pennsylvania, and that when the Trustees are reduced to the number of Three, the Survivors shall convey to Six or more other Trustees, to be nominated and appointed by the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That a Circular Letter be prepared by the Secretary and Treasurer, and sent to the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, expressive of the Intentions of the Gd. Lodge, and requesting a Subscription to be opened in Order to enable them to execute their Design.

Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

St. John's Day, December 27th, 1785.

Present:

The R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M., in the Chair.

A. Rutherford, D. G. M.
Br. Humphreys, S. G. W., p. T.
Wadman, J. G. W., p. T.
Bartram S. G. D., p. T.
Jones, J. G. D., p. T.
Hamilton, Gd. Treasr.
Jennings, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 38 and 40 represented.

Brother Jennes produced a Return of the Members of Lodge

No. 11, and paid into the hands of the Treasurer £3 on account of dues.

Brother Proctor presented a petition from several Brethren at Charlestown (accompanied with a letter from Brother Weyman), praying for the Benefit of a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Village of Winnsborough, in the State of South Carolina.

A Petition was likewise presented from several Brethren for the like Benefit of a Warrant for a Lodge to be held in the Borough of Reading.

Unanimously Resolved, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the Secretary complete the Warrants as soon as possible.

This being St. John the Evangelist's Day, the Gd. Lodge proceeded to the Choice of Officers, when the R. W. William Adcock was nominated and re-appointed Grand Master of Masons for the State of Pennsylvania and the Territories thereunto belonging, and he was pleased to appoint the R. W. Alexander Rutherford as Dy. Gd. Mr.

Brother Jonathan B. Smith was elected Sr. Gd. Warden, and Brother Joseph Dean as Jr. Gd. Warden. Brother Hamilton was unanimously elected as Grand Treasurer. Br. Humphreys was appointed Grand Secretary. Brs. Culbertson and Delany were appointed as Deacons.

A Petition from several Brethren from Pittsburg, (accompanied with a Letter from Brother Tilton), requesting a Warrant for a Lodge to be held at Pittsburg, was presented and read. Agreed, That the same be granted.

The Secy. produced a Warrant constituting and appointing Brothers William Tilton, Mr.; Michel Huffnagle, Senr. Warden, and William McClerey, Jr. Warden of Lodge No. 45, to be held at Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, which was signed by the Gd. Officers.

Agreed, That a Letter be prepared by the Committee appointed to form By-Laws, and sent to the different Modern Lodges, expressive of our Wishes of a General Attachment and Union, and likewise a Letter in answer to Brother John Peacock, the Secretary of the Lodge in Savannah, giving such Admonition as may appear necessary on the Occasion.

Ordered, That the Representatives of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction be informed that they are henceforth to be accountable for the Dues of the Lodges they represent.

The Deed or Declaration of Trust from the Trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge to Brother Joseph Dean, was executed in the Presence of the Grand Officers.

Closed in Harmony at 8 o'clock.

FEBY. 3d, 1786.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

D. G. M. Alex. Rutherford.

Brother J. B. Smith, S. G. W.

Whitehead, J. G. W., pro tem.

Culbertson, S. G. D.

Delaney, J. G. D.

Humphreys, G. Secy.

Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Hammilton, Treasurer.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 40 represented.

Bro. Humphreys being present, was installed to his office of Grand Secretary with the usual ceremonies.

Bro. Humphreys then nominated Brot. James Whitehead to be his Deputy, which was approved of by the Lodge.

Translations of two letters from a Lodge held at Cape Francois, written in French, and directed to General Washington as Grand Master of all America, soliciting a Charter, were laid before this Lodge and read, and the same being taken into consideration, resolved, that a Warrant be granted in the names of Jno. L. Galbert Barron, Master; John B. Gauthrow, S. W., and Ant. Pailliez, J. W.; and the Secretary was directed to make out the Warrant, and ordered that a Dispensation be sent to John Ant. Marialbert.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge have, in their Circular Letter

to the several Grand Lodges on this Continent, declared that their subordinate connection with the Grand Lodge of England no longer existed, on motion and seconded, that the words usually inserted in the Warrants under this Jurisdiction declarative of such subordination, be not inserted in any future Warrants; and the same being taken into consideration, it was agreed to postpone the same,

P. L. Ep Bonamy, P. de L'orme and P. Villain to install the officers in due form.

27th MARCH, 86.

Grand Lodge, Qur. Communication.

D. G. M. RUTHERFORD, in the Chair.

Smith, S. G. W.
Service, J. G. W., pro. T.
Delaney, S. G. D.
Graham, J. G. D., pro. T.
G. Hammilton, G. T.
Humphreys, G. Secry.
Whitehead, D. G. Sc.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 22 and 25 represented.

It was moved and agreed upon, that Brother Humphreys be appointed to address a Letter in reply to those received from a number of Brethren of a Lodge held at Cape Francois, informing them that their Letters were received and laid before this Grand Lodge by a Mr. French, whose conduct has been, during his continuance with us, very unbecoming a Gentleman and Brother, and to request to be fully advised by them on the subject.

Read a petition from Lodge No. 5, recommending a Warrant to be granted for holding a Lodge at the Head of Elk, State of Maryland. It was ordered that when application should be made for the said Warrant that it be Granted.

Read a petition from the Master, Jur. and Sen. Wardens of Lodge No. 14, held at Wilmington, respecting some differences

which have arisen in their Lodge, and requesting the interference of the Grand Lodge to quiet the same. Brother Hamilton was appointed to visit and convene the said Lodge together, inquire into their differences, and to use his best endeavors to unite them in Love and Harmony. Bro. Hamilton going southward, was also requested to wait on the several Lodges which was in his power, and to inquire into the state of their affairs and make report to the Grand Lodge.

Read a letter from Lodge No. 5, Cantwell's Bridge, directed to the D. G. Master acquiescing in the determination of the Grand Lodge respecting Representatives of the different Lodges being amenable for the dues of the Lodge which they represent, to the Grand Lodge aforesaid.

On motion and seconded, it was ordered that a circular Letter be written to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction generally, informing them that it is the wish of the Grand Lodge to Establish themselves as a Grand Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and that it is intended to take up the matter at the quarterly communication in Sept. next, and requesting their attendance at that time either by their proper officers or by Deputation in writing.

Tr. paid night expenses 42/4.

Lodge Closed in good Harmony, 9 o'clock.

JUNE 12th, 1786.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Com.

R. W. G. M. Wm. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

D. G. M. Alex. Rutherford.

J. B. Smith, S. G. W.

J. Dean, J. G. W.

Stafford, S. G. D., pro T.

W. Delaney, J. G. D.

G. Hammilton, Grand Tr.

J. Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 12 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

Brother Gavin Hammilton presented to this Lodge a deputation in writing from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 12, authorizing him to represent them in Grand Lodge.

A Letter was read from the Master and Brethren of Lodge N. 22, acquiescing in the determination of the Grand Lodge relative to establishing themselves as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority; also, have agreed with respect to deputizing some person to Represent them in Grand Lodge, and have appointed Brothers John Boyd and Fred. Antis for that purpose.

A Letter was read from Brother J. Smith of Lodge N. 41, complaining of having been very ill treated by the said Lodge, as well as also of the irregularities and unjustifiable proceedings of said Lodge. Ordered, that the Secretary be required to write a Letter to the said Lodge acquainting them of the contents of B$^{r.}$ Smith's Letter, and requesting immediately to have their proceeding on this business transmitted to the Grand Lodge, and so much of their Bye Laws as relate to the same.

A Letter was handed from Lodge N. 7, informing the Grand Lodge of their inability at this time to afford them any assistance towards building a Grand Lodge in this City.

A Letter was read from the Master and Brethren of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 18, held at Shelburn, relative to the Grand Lodge having issued out a Warrant of the same number which they worked under, by which they thought themselves excluded from being under their jurisdiction; also requesting to be furnished with the sum they stood indebted to the Grand Lodge for their dues, and soliciting the Grand Lodge to address a Letter in their behalf to Gen$^{l.}$ Parsons on the subject of a Lodge Warrant and civilities which they had experienced from him. Ordered, that the Sec$^{y.}$ reply to the same, and advise the said Lodge that the Grand Lodge not having heard from them for some time, did grant a Warrant of the same number of theirs, but that they do not consider their Warrant vacated, and that they still shall consider them as under their jurisdiction.

Also, That the Books of the Treasurer having by some means during the War got lost, by which means no account

of their dues can be ascertained, and to request them to complete the account from their own Books as near as may be, informing them that for every initiation 5/ and for every member, as his dues, 4/ p. annum, due search to be made for their Warrant mentioned to be lost, and their requisition with respect to General Parsons to be granted.

Letter was read from Lodge N. 42 relative to their accounts with the Grand Lodge; ordered that the Treasurer reply to the same, and is requested to make out and transmit the Statement of their accounts to them.

It is reported to this Grand Lodge that the Warrant granted for holding a Lodge in City of Burlington, N. 32, is in some person's hands in that place and is made no use of. Ordered, that the Sec^y. be requested to write to some Brother residing in that place, and requesting him to use his endeavors to find the same and transmit it to the Grand Lodge.

Brother Grayham, S. W. of Lodge N. 4, having conceived himself greatly injured by a Sentence passed on him by said Lodge without foundation, applied to this Grand Lodge for redress. The Grand Lodge ever willing to see and have justice done to any Brother who conceives himself injured, do hereby order the Sec^y. to summons Lodge N. 4 to appear before them with their Bye Laws and Minute Book on Monday evening next at ½ past 7 o'clock, when the Grand Lodge are to proceed on the business.

Bros. Few, Will, and Hamilton are appointed a Committee to procure proper furniture for the Grand Lodge immediately.

Treasurer Received from Lodge N°. 12 on account dues.	£4. 0. 0
Rec^d. for Warrant for holding a Lodge at Reading .	15. 0. 0
Dispensation	1. 2. 6
	£20. 2. 6

Lodge Closed in good Harmony, 2 o'clock.

JUNE 19th, 1786.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

R. W. G. M. W^m. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

D. G. M. Alex. Rutherford.
J. B. Smith, S. G. W.
Jacob Deigel, J. G. W., pro Tem.
Boyd, S. G. D.
Wm. Delaney, J. G. D.
G. Hamilton, Treas.
A. Humphreys, G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 12 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form. The Minutes of the last meeting being read and it appearing that the Business of this meeting was to determine upon the Complaint of Brother Grayham exhibited at the last meeting and the Master and Members of No. 4 being notified to attend and several of them attending, It was moved that Brother Grayham might relate the nature of his complaint, when Brother Grayham informed the Lodge that he had been suspended by Lodge N. 4 for Six Months without a hearing. Whereupon, it was ordered that the minutes of Lodge No. 4, which were brought by the W. Master, agreeable to notice given him for that purpose, which being read and the matter fully heard from the W. Master of No. 4 and other Members who attended Witnesses upon the occasion, the following Question was put: Were the proceedings of Lodge No. 4 in suspending Brother Grayham regular or not? and the Votes being taken it was carried in the negative.

Lodge Closed in good harmony.

St. John's day, June 24th, 1786.

Present:

D. G. M. Alexander Rutherford, in the Chair.
J. B. Smith, S. G. W.
J. Dean, J. G. W.
Wm. Delaney, S. G. D.
Jones, J. G. D.
Hammilton, G. T.
Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15 and 45 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

Read a Letter from the Master and a number of the Brethren of Lodge N°. 4, remonstrating against the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their last meeting respecting Brother Grayham. Ordered, that the Lodge take up this business at their next quarterly communication and in the mean time, Brothers Few, Wadman, Hamilton, Will and Dean, be a Committee to enquire and obtain as much information on the Subject as possible, taking such means as will best obtain it, and the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

Read a Letter from the Sec^y. of Lodge N°. 40, advising that they had expelled a Brother C—— I—— from their Lodge for impropriety of conduct. Ordered, that his name be handed down to the different Lodges.

Brothers Few and Whitehead, a Committee from Lodge N. 3, handed a return of the members now considered as belonging to their Lodge, and such as were Expelled and discontinued their Lodge by Virtue of their By Laws.

They are as follows, viz.:

MEMBERS.

William Adcock.	W^m. Honeyman.	Thomas Newark.
Charles Biddle.	Geo. Habacker.	Geo. Ord.
C. A. Bertier.	John Helm.	John Osman.
J. C. Berkmyer.	Gavan Hamilton.	John Smith.
Robert Collins.	Martin Jujeiz.	W^m. Sellers.
John Clarkson.	Geo. Kemple.	J. B. Smith.
Cornelius Comyges.	W^m. Kidd.	Phil. Triglohan.
Samuel Casson.	Charles Kerby.	David Thompson.
David C. Claypoole.	James Lang.	Geo. Tudor.
W^m. Cathcart.	John Lawrence.	Amos Wickorsham.
Stephen Decature.	Saml. Leacock.	W^m. Will.
W^m. Delaney.	Chas. W. Lecke.	W^m. Watkins.
Thomas Douglas.	John F. Langenberg.	Seth. Willis.
Lewis Farmer.	Genl. Muhlenberg.	Ja^s. Whitehead.
Joseph Few.	Francis Meratges.	W^m. Williams.
Doctor Glentworth.	Alex. McCarraher.	
James Goodwin.	John F. Metzger.	

Those that were Expelled and discontinued the Lodge by Virtue of their Bye Laws, viz.:

B——, T——	Expelled.	Proctor, Francis	Discon^{d}.
Casdrop, Thomas	Discon^{d}.	Plumstead, Clem^{t}.	do
C——, P——	Expelled.	R——, J——	Expelled.
Greaves, Robert	Discon^{d}.	Shewell, Robert	Discon^{d}.
G——, De St E–	Expell^{d}.	Spencer, Joseph	do
Greaves, Francis	Discon^{d}.	S——, J——	Expelled.
Greenfield, Jesse	do	S——, G——	do
Hofner, Geo	Discon^{d}.	S——, I——	do
Hepburn, Stacy	do	S——, P——	do
Harmer, Josiah	do	T——, D——	do
Jones, John	do	W——, A——	do
K——, P——	Expelled.	Withy, James	Discon^{d}.
Murdock, John	Discon^{d}.	Young, Saml	do
M^{c}A——, D——	Exp^{d}.	Y——, E——	Exp^{d}.
N——, G——	do		

Names of those who had Certificates Granted, Removed, Dead, viz.:

REMOVED.	CERTIFICATES.	DEAD.
Chas. Allen.	W^{m}. Adams.	Jos. Basdin.
Thos. Beck.	W^{m}. Aertson.	W^{m}. Dewees.
Joshua Barney.	Nicholas Bernard.	Jacob Hinckley.
Geo. Bond.	John Bayley.	John Kerlin.
Benj. Bankson.	Abraham Collins.	Joseph Kendle.
Rob. Connelly.	Robert Cox.	Francis Proctor, Jun.
Ja^{s}. Cockran.	Clampher Adam.	John Pearson.
De Amstoy.	Patrick Duffey.	Henry Valentine.
Henry Guiger.	Edward Fox.	Anthony Vitalig.
Jacob Guiger.	Clement Humphreys.	
Ad. Gilchrist.	Jos. Hardy.	
Ant. Hart.	F. A. Muhlenberg.	
Abraham Harges.	Geo. Reed.	
Thos. Johnston.	W^{m}. Tilton.	
Mich. Knees.	Benj. Worrell.	
W^{m}. Kinnan.		
And. Lytle.		
Benj. McVough.		
W^{m}. Montgomery.		
W^{m}. Martin.		
Zeb. Pike.		
Fran. Swaine.		
W^{m}. Stretch.		
W^{m}. Simmons.		
Philip Will.		

Ordered that those members names marked Expelled and discontinued the Lodge, be handed down to the different Lodges as Brethren unworthy to belong to the Craft.

The Deputy Grand Master resigned his seat in the Chair to the Senr. Grand Warden, when the officers of Lodge N. 3 laid before the Grand Lodge a report of their Committee concerning monies raised for the education of our late B^r. Bentlin's oldest Son, which appeared to have been paid into the hands of B^r. Rutherford by his own acknowledgement. Brother Rutherford offered to give security to the Guardians of the Child for £75, State money of the emission of 1781, or the value thereof as it now is, which the Grand Lodge, with the assent of Brother Rutherford, ascertained to amount to £37. 10. 0, with the Interest now due, which is to be paid in three months, and the principal in four equal payments every Six Months after the expiration of the said three months.

The Deputy Grand Master resumed the Chair.

Lodge closed in good Harmony, 2 o'clock, P. M.

SEPT^R. 25th, 1786.

Grand Lodge, quar^t. Communication.

R. W. G. M. W^M. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

D. G. M. Alex. Rutherford.
John B. Smith, S. G. W.
Jos. Dean, J. G. W.
W^m. Delaney, S. G. D.
Howell, J. G. D., p. T.
Gavin Hamilton, Treas^r.
As. Humphreys, G. Sec^y.
Ja^s. Whitehead, D. G. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 18, 22, 33, 38, 44 and 45 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

Brother Daniel Cummings presented to the Grand Lodge a Return of the Members belonging to Lodge N°. 44 up to this period, which appeared to amount to ———. Also, was presented a Return from Lodge N. 18 and 33. Ordered, that said returns be handed to the Treasurer, and the same entered on his Books.

Several Brethren, Members of, and Representing 12 Lodges

under this Jurisdiction, attending in consequence of a Circular Letter directed to be written at the quarterly Communication in March last, requesting them to attend this Quarterly Communication either by their proper Officers or by deputation in Writing, upon the determination of the Question, whether it is proper for this Lodge to declare themselves a Grand Lodge, Independent of Great Britain or any other authority. It was, therefore, on Motion and seconded, Resolved, That it is improper that this Grand Lodge should continue any longer under any foreign Jurisdiction. A declaration was then drawn by a Committee appointed for that purpose, which being Read at the Secretary's table, the same was Ordered to be signed by the R. W. G. Master and Secretary, and Sealed with the Seal of this Lodge; and the same was ordered to be entered on the Minutes of this Lodge, and is as follows, viz.:

In Consequence of a Circular Letter written at the Quarterly Communication in March last, and transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the respective Lodges under this Jurisdiction, requesting them, by their proper Officers or Deputies to attend this Day, upon the determination of a question agitated in this Lodge, viz.: Whether it is proper for this Lodge to declare themselves a Grand Lodge, Independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and the said Officers and Deputies attending, it was thereupon,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, a Grand Lodge, Independent of Great Britain or any other Authority whatever, and that they are not under any ties to any other Grand Lodge except those of Brotherly Love and Affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the Globe.

Unanimously Done in open Grand Lodge in Ample Form assembled this Twenty fifth day of September, Anno Domini 1786, and of Masonry 5786.

Attest: Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Assheton Humphreys,
G. Secy.

This Lodge, acting by Virtue of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed for ever.

PHILADELPHIA, Septr 26th, 1786.

At a Grand Convention of 13 different Lodges, working by Virtue of Warrants from the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with full power from their Constituents to decide upon the Question, Whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should establish themselves as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other Authority, and with the concurrence of other Lodges, signified by Letter, It was unanimously resolved, that the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, lately held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, will, and now do form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to be held in Philadelphia, and that the late Grand Officers continue to be the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, invested with all the Powers, Jurisdictions, pre-eminence and Authority thereunto belonging, till the usual time of the next election; and that the Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges govern themselves by the Rules and Regulations heretofore established, 'til other Rules and Regulations shall be adopted.

JOS. FEW.
JA^S. WHITEHEAD.
CHA. YOUNG.
W^M. DELANY.
JOHN STAFFORD.
GAVIN HAMILTON, rep^r. N°. 12.
JACOB S. HOWELL.
JOSEPH CAPELLA.
JOHN VANNOST Rep. N°. 22.
FR^K. ANTES.
SAM^L. FREEMAN, N°. 44.
EDWARD FOX.
WILL ADCOCK, Chair^m.
J. B. SMITH.
ALEX^R. RUTHERFORD.
THOMAS DUNCAN SMITH.
PRAISE WADMAN.
JOS. DEAN.
FRANCIS ROBINSON.
CHAS. TATHAM, N°. 18.
DANL. CUMMINS.
JOHN CLARK, for N°. 25.
JN^O. STOCKTON.
ASSHETON HUMPHREYS.
J. B. SMITH, repres^g. 45.

PHILADELPHIA, Septr. 28th, 1786.

Grand Lodge.

Present as before.

Lodge opened in due form.

The proceedings of a Convention of 13 different Lodges, working by Virtue of Warrants from the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with full power from their constituents, etc., was read and unanimously agreed to.

On Motion, and Seconded, The R. W. appointed Brother Wadman to be the Steward of the Grand Lodge until the next election.

The Committee appointed to obtain Information respecting the dispute subsisting between N. 4 and Brother Grayham, a Member of that Lodge, severally Reported that they had endeavoured to inform themselves, but could get no information. The Secretary then, by the desire of the Master of N°. 4, and in his name, made a tender of their Warrant to the Grand Master, and it was received.

A Letter was Read from Brother M. Gist, praying a Warrant to be granted for holding a Lodge in Charlestown, in the name of M. Gist, Master; Thomas B. Bowen, S. W., Ephraim Mitchell, J. W. Ordered, That the said Warrant be Granted, and the Secretary desired to make it out.

A petition from a number of Brethren, Members of different Warranted Lodges, held under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, praying a Warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge in this City, was read, and the same held under advisement.

On Motion and Seconded, That a Committee be appointed to form a Warrant to be granted to the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Ordered, That Brother Fox, J. B. Smith and Thomas D. Smith be a Committee for that purpose, and the said Committee are required to write a Letter to the Grand Lodge of Eng^d., taking a formal leave of them.

Lodge Closed in good Harmony, and adjourned to this day 3 weeks.

16th October, 1786.

Grand Lodge, by adjournment.

R. W. G. M. Wm. Adcock, in the Chair.

D. G. M. Alexr. Rutherford.

J. B. Smith, S. G. W.
Praise Wadman, J. W., p. T.
Jos. Few, S. D., p. T.
Wm. Tilton, J. G. D., p. T.
G. Hamilton, T.
A. Humphreys, G. Secy.
J. Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 18 and 45 represented.

The Committee appointed last quarterly communication to prepare a Warrant and address a farewell Letter to the Grand Lodge of England made Report, and laid before the Grand Lodge a form of Warrant for holding Lodges under their Jurisdiction, as well as of a Letter to the said Grand Lodge of England, which, being read, was unanimously approved of and adopted.

Moved and Seconded, That a Number of the said Warrants, as drafted by the Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge, be printed in Script hand, and that the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction be furnished individually with one of the same, free of any Expense, upon surrendering their old Warrant. Which was unanimously agreed to. Brothers J. B. Smith, A. Humphreys and J. Whitehead was then appointed a Committee to superintend this business.

Moved and Seconded, That a Circular Letter be written to the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsyla., informing them of the Resolve lately adopted by the said Provincial Grand Lodge, working by virtue of Warrant from Great Britain, whereby they had declared and established themselves a Grand Lodge independent of any Foreign Jurisdiction, and requesting them to surrender up to this Grand Lodge their present Warrant, and accept a fresh Warrant under the authority of this Grand Lodge, which will be granted to them free of any Expense;

which motion being adopted, the same was referred to the above-named Committee.

Read a letter from N. 45 informing this Grand Lodge of the indecent and unbecoming behaviour of H—— H. B——, Esqr., which had induced them to expel him. Ordered, that the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction be informed of the same.

Read also a Letter from Brother W^m. Bradford, of Lodge N. 5, accompanied with £12. 0. 0. on acc. dues of that Lodge, which has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

Lodge closed in Good harmony, 9 o'clock.

DECEM^R 2nd, 1786.

Extra Grand Lodge.

R. W. G. M. W^M. ADCOCK.

D. G. M. Alex. Rutherford.

J. B. Smith, S. G. W.

J. Dean, J. G. W.

Whitehead, S. G. D., p. T.

Delaney, J. G. D.

G. Hamilton, Treasurer.

J. Whitehead, D. G. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 38 and 45 represented.

It was moved and seconded, that the Brethren of the several Lodges walk in Masonic procession on next S^t. John's day to attend Divine service at the University, and that the Rev^d. Doctor Ewing or Pilmore be applied to for the purpose of preparing a Charity Sermon for that day; which motion being carried, The R. W. G. Master, Brothers Dean, Whitehead and the D. G. Master was appointed a Committee to wait on the Trustees of the University for the purpose of obtaining the privilege of the University on this occasion, as well as also to wait on either of the above Gentlemen for the purpose already mentioned. In case of failure in either of these instances, it was Ordered, that the Committee have full power to make such changes as they conceive most advisable.

Moved and Seconded, That the moneys collected on this occasion be applied equally to the benefit of the poor in the Gaol of this City and those belonging to the Craft, unless the Sermon is preached in a Church, in such case they are to have an equal proportion with those mentioned. Agreed to.

Ordered, that as soon as the Committee have finally fixed on the place where the Sermon is to be preached, they are hereby required to frame an advertisement, which is to be inserted in the different Newspapers, inviting all free and accepted Masons to attend the procession.

Brother Smith, one of the Committee appointed to superintend the printing of the Warrants last stated, presented to this Lodge a proof-sheet of the said Warrant, which, being Examined, was approved of. Ordered, that the said Committee be authorized to make such alterations and go to such further Expense in the printing of the same as they may conceive necessary and proper, except the Arms of the United States, which is to be Continued on it.

Lodge Closed in good harmony, 9 o'clock.

JAS. WHITEHEAD, D. G. SECY.

DECEMR. 18th, 1786.

Grand Lodge.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

D. G. M. Alex. Rutherford.

Geo. Ord, S. G. W., p. T.

Howard, J. G. W., p. T.

Jones, S. G. D., p. T.

Wm. Delaney, J. G. D.

A. Humphreys, G. Secy.

J. Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15, 22, 38 and 47 represented.

The Committee appointed at an Extra meeting of this Grand Lodge, the 2nd. Decr. Inst., to apply for the place, &c., where the Charity Sermon was to be preached on St. John's

Day, as ordered by the Grand Lodge at said meeting, Report that they have fixed on St. Paul's Church, and that the Revd. Mr. Pilmore has consented to prepare and preach a Sermon on this occasion.

On motion and Seconded, It was ordered that Brothers T. D. Smith and Vannost be a Committee to address a Letter to Doctor Smith, requesting him to furnish them with a Book in his possession belonging to this Grand Lodge, entitled the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge, for which purpose the Deputy Grand Secy., by order of the Grand Lodge, furnished them with an order on him for the same.

Read a Deputation from Lodge N. 40 held in Charles Town, So. Carolina, Authorizing Brothers Gavin Hamilton and Wm. Delaney to represent them in Grand Lodge.

Read a Letter from Lodge N. 41, mentioning that by the Bearer, Brother Goffigan, they had sent three pounds which was to be placed to the Credit of their account and requesting to be furnished with a Statement of their account with the Grand Lodge. Ordered, that the Treasurer be required to receive the money and to furnish them with the account required.

Read a Recommendation from a Number of the Brethren of Lodge N. 2 in favor of Brothers Thomas Proctor, Young, and Melbeck for holding a Lodge in this City, N. 19, as mentioned in their petition last Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, it was unanimously Resolved, that the prayer of the said petitioners, with others, be granted, and the Secy. is hereby required to make out a Warrant in the names of the Brethren as mentioned heretofore.

Read a Letter from Lodge N. 7, whereby it appeared that they had, together with Lodges N. 6, 17, 19, 29, and the Lodge held at Somerset, N. 37, declared and established themselves a Grand Lodge, Independent of this Grand Lodge or any other authority.

On Motion and Seconded, it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to reply to the said Letter, whereupon, Brothers J. B. Smith, T. D. Smith, Fox, and Humphreys were appointed for that purpose.

On Motion and Seconded, It was ordered that Brothers M. Whitehead, T. D. Smith, Proctor, Howard and Young, or any three of them, be a Committee to direct and regulate the procession on St. John's Day.

Lodge Closed in Good harmony.

PHILADELPHIA, Jany 2nd, 1787.

Extra Grand Lodge.

R. W. G. M. Wm. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

J. B. Smith, D. G. M.
Geo. Ord, J. G. W.
Jos. Few, S. G. W., p. T.
Wm. Delaney, S. G. D.
Wadman, J. G. D.
Gavan Hamilton, Tr.
A. Humphreys, G. Secy.
J. Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 3, 12, 22, 38 and 45 represented.

Lodge opened in due form.

On motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Reverd. Mr. Pilmore for his Sermon delivered on St. John's Day, and to the Revd. Doctor Magaw for his prayer on that Occasion. Whereupon, Brothers Matthew Whitehead, Thomas D. Smith, Proctor, Howard and Young, or any three of them, were appointed a Committee to return the thanks of the Grand Lodge to those Gentlemen; and said Committee were requested to ask a Copy of the Sermon and prayer, in order that the same may be printed. It was then moved and seconded, that the thanks of this Lodge be likewise returned by the same Committee, to Mr. Adgate and the Members of the Uranian Society for their kind attention on St. John's Day last.

The R. W. G. Master then informed the Lodge that Brothers Williams, Few and Proctor had been Nominated to distribute that proportion of the moneys which had been collected on

St. John's Day, and which had been appropriated for the relief of the distressed prisoners in Gaol; and Brothers Delaney, Service, Kidd and Whitehead had been nominated to distribute the share which was appropriated for distressed Brethren, which met the approbation of the Lodge.

Ordered, that the Expenses which have occurred on acc. of Musick on St. John's Day be paid out of the monies collected on that day, and which have been and may be received by the Members nominated to distribute the same.

The Lodge then proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year, when the R. W. William Adcock was re-elected Grand Master, who nominated Jona. Bayard Smith to be his Deputy, which met the approbation of the Grand Lodge. Brother Joseph Dean was the duly elected S. G. Warden; Brother George Ord, J. G. Warden; Brother Gavan Hamilton, Treasurer, and Brother Assheton Humphreys, Secy. Brother Delaney was then appointed S. D., and Brother Joseph Few, J. D. The R. W. Grand Master was then proclaimed three times aloud by the Secretary accordingly and saluted by the Brethren according to ancient form.

The R. W. G. Master then resigned the Chair to Brother Thomas D. Smith, who installed the following Brethren to their respective offices, viz.: Jona. Bayard Smith, Dep. G. Master; Geo. Ord, J. G. W.; Gavan Hamilton, Treasurer, and Assheton Humphreys, Grand Secy. The Grand Secy. then nominated Brother James Whitehead to be his Deputy.

On motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Brother William Williams, a Master Mason, be permitted to pass the Chair, and assenting to the same, was passed to the Chair with the usual Ceremonies.

Read a Letter from M—— C—— praying to be heard in this Grand Lodge on the Subject of his being expelled from Lodge N. 8, of which he was a member. Ordered to lay over 'til the next Grand Lodge.

Lodge Closed in good Harmony.

ASSHETON HUMPHREYS,
G. Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, January 13th, 87.

Extra Grand Lodge.

The R. W. D. Grand Master J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

John Service, S. G. W., p. T.
George Ord, J. G. W.
Wm. Kidd, S. G. D., p. T.
John McCree, J. G. D., p. T.
Gavan Hamilton, Try.
A. Humphreys, G. Secy.
J. Whitehead, D. G. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2 and 3 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

It appearing from information of the S. G. W. that this Lodge was convened for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge, N. 19, for which a Warrant had been granted and signed, Whereupon, Thomas Proctor was duly install'd Master; Charles Young, S. W., and J. Melbeck, J. W., of said Lodge, according to ancient form.

Lodge closed in good harmony.

MARCH 26, 1787.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Comn.

R. W. D. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

D. G. M. T. D. Smith, p. Tem.
Geo. Ord, S. G. W.
M. Whitehead, J. G. W., p. Tem.
R. Jones, S. G. D., do.
G. Hamilton, Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 22, 40 and 45 represented.

Ordered, on motion and seconded, That the Secy. call on the late officers of vacant Lodges to deliver their Books, Papers, Jewels and furniture to this Lodge. Ordered, that a special Summons be sent to the Officers of N. 13 to attend the next Quarterly Communication.

A Letter was read from Lodge N. 12 who have sent a Copy of their transactions; referred to the Sen. and Jun. Wardens and Sec$^{y.}$ for inspection.

Ordered, that the Sec$^{y.}$ send three Copies of the Sermon and prayer to every Lodge under the Jurisdiction, and six copies to every Grand Lodge in the United States.

Ordered, that a Letter be written to every G. Lodge in the United States, informing them of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at their Communication on 26th of Sept. last, with a Copy of their By-Laws and Books of Constitution; that Brother T. D. Smith prepare said Letter.

The Committee made report of a draft of Bye Laws, which was read and ordered to be recommitted, and that Brother T. D. Smith be added to the Committee.

Ordered, that the Treasurer buy every Book for the use of this Lodge which appear Interesting on Masonry.

Ordered, that the Sec$^{y.}$ write to Lodge N. 18 at Dover, to furnish their reasons for the Expulsion of M—— C—— against next Communication and that they inform said C—— of the same.

Ordered, that the Treasurer buy a Ticket in the Lottery for the use of the Grand Lodge.

G. Hamilton, Sec$^{y.}$, p. T.

June 18th, 1787.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Com$^{n.}$

The R. W. G. M. W$^{M.}$ Adcock, in the Chair.

J. B. Smith, D. G. M.
Geo. Ord, S. G. W.
Jos. Few, J. G. W.
W$^{m.}$ Delaney, S. G. D.
G. Hamilton, Tr.
A. Humphreys, Sec$^{y.}$

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 12, 15, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge being opened in due form, Brother

Joseph Dean, who was elected Sen. G. W. of this G. Lodge on St. John's day last, and who could not attend the Lodge by reason of sickness, attending this Day was duly installed S. W.

The Treasurer informed the Lodge that agreeable to the Orders of the G. Lodge he had purchased a ticket in the Lottery, No. 5, M. 314, which was drawn Blank, and which he produced, and was ordered to be filed.

The D. G. Master then returned the Warrants of Lodge N. 45 and 22 which had been renewed. Read a Letter from Lodge No. 45 appointing G. Hamilton in conjunction with their former Representative to Represent them in this G. Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction which have proved delinquent in the payment of dues, be requested to pay up the arrearages by them due and owing respectively, and in case they cannot pay up the whole, that this Grand Lodge will receive such sums as they can pay in full satisfaction of all dues by them respectively owing at the time the Grand Lodge resolved to separate from foreign Jurisdiction, but that from that time It is expected they will pay up their dues regularly or surrender their Warrants, and that a letter be written informing them of this Resolve by the Secretary, who is authorized to get the form printed if necessary.

On Motion and Seconded, that this Grand Lodge subscribe to the Philad. Dispensary for the relief of sick persons. Resolved that this Grand Lodge will, when their funds will admit, subscribe, and that it be recommended to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction within this city to subscribe also.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the R. W. G. Master and D. G. M. present to his excellency Gen. Washington the present Book of Constitution.

A. Humphreys, Secy.

SEPT. 24th, 1787.

Grand Lodge, qutly. Comn.

The R. W. D. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

Tho. Proctor, S. G. W., p. Tem.
P. Wadman, J. G. W., p. Tem.
M. Hand, S. G. D.
Ja. Wilkee, J. G. D.
Gav. Hamilton, Tr.
A. Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 15, 19, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

Read a Letter from Chas. Tatham, Master of Lodge N. 18, also a Letter and other Communications from the Grand Lodge at Charles Town.

The Deputy G. M. then informed the Lodge that a Letter had been received from No. 40, complaining of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Carolina which was in the hands of the D. G. Secy. Read also a Letter from No. 40 returning their old Warrant.

It was then moved and Seconded, that the said Letters be referred to a Committee, Whereupon, the following Brethren were appointed a Committee, who, or any of them, are empower'd to Act upon the Business, viz.: J. B. Smith, G. Hamilton, A. Humphreys, Thos. Proctor and P. Wadman.

The Secy. then informed the Lodge that he was ready to report upon the Business of the Bye Laws, Rules and Constitutions of this Grand Lodge, but the Lodge being thin, the same was referred to the next meeting.

The Lodge then adjourned to Monday, the 15 October Next.

ASHETON HUMPHREYS,
G. Secy.

DEC. 17th, 1787.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Comn.

R. W. Wm. ADCOCK, in the Chair.

Jon. B. Smith, D. G. M.

J. Service, S. G. W., p. Tem.
Delaney, S. G. D.
G. Hamilton, Trs.
A. Humphreys, Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 12, 15, 19, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge Opened in due form.

The Committee to whom was referred the several Letters and Communications as mentioned in the Minutes of Sept. 24th, 1787, made report in writing, which being read the same was adopted, and the Committee who made the Report were requested to receive the same and forward it on to Carolina.

It was then moved that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Committee of the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in this City, respecting the procuring a Room in the Philosophical Hall, now Building, for the meeting of this Lodge and the several Lodges under its Jurisdiction; Whereupon, Ordered, that Brother Williams, Hamilton and Dean be a Committee for that purpose.

Read a letter from J. Gamel Dowell and other Brethren of N. 12, of Winchester, soliciting a Warrant. Ordered that the same lie over for further Consideration, no Recommendation from Lodge N. 12 accompanying the same.

Read a Letter from W^m. Dean and others soliciting a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Moreland Township, Montgomery County; ordered to lie over, no recommendation accompanying the same.

Read a Letter from W^m. Beck, Tyler of this Lodge, praying Assistance in his present distressed Circumstances, which, being considered, it was thought best that a recommendation to the Brethren to assist him should be prepared. Whereupon the Sec^y. was directed to prepare him one.

The R. W. D. G. Master having informed the Lodge that the present R. W. G. Master had consented to serve the Lodge in the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year, and he, accepting of the nomination, was thrice proclaimed aloud by the Grand Sec^y. Master of Masons. The Grand Master then Nomi-

nated Br. Jon. B. Smith, D. G. M. for the ensuing year, which met the approbation of the Lodge. Brother Dean was then duly elected S. W.; Brother Geo. Ord, J. W., and Brother Hamilton, Treasurer.

The Lodge taking into Consideration the distresses of many poor Brethren at this inclement Season, recommend it to the several Lodges in this City, under their Jurisdiction, to open Contributions in their respective Lodges for the relief of distressed Brethren, and that the Monies raised be paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the purposes aforesaid; and the Secy. is directed to inform the several Lodges in this City of the same.

On Motion and Seconded, ordered, that the Grand Secy. summon the Members of N. 2, who have declined their meetings for some time past, to convene themselves for the purposes of considering the present State and Situation of the same.

Lodge Closed and adjourned to St. John's day next, at 9 o'clock in the Morning.

A. Humphreys, G. Secy.

St. John's Day, Philada., Dec. 27, 1787.

Grand Lodge.

The R. W. D. G. Master J. B. Smith, in the Chair.

Joseph Dean, S. W.
Geo. Ord, J. W.
Wm. Delaney, S. D.
J. Claypoole, J. D.
G. Hamilton, Tr.
A. Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 15, 19 and 40 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form, when Bros. Proctor, McCree and Duplesses were appointed a Committee to wait on the R. W. G. Master and request his attendance for the purpose of Installation, who afterwards returned and in-

formed the Lodge that the R. W. G. Master could not attend now; if necessary he would attend in the Evening, tho' inconvenient. The following officers elect were then installed to their respective offices: Broth. Dean, S. W.; Brother J. W.; Brother G. Hamilton, Treasurer.

On Motion and Seconded, it was ordered that the Grand Treasurer Receive from Brother Hunt and Brother Jones, late officers of N. 4, the Pedestals, Jewels, Books, Money and other property belonging to that Lodge, and give a Receipt for the same.

It was moved and seconded that the sum of £3 be given to the widow of our late Brother Boyd, deceased, late a Member of N. 4, out of the monies so received, which was ordered, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same to her.

On motion and second., Ordered, that the report of the Committee to whom was referred the several Letters and Communications mentioned in the Minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, Sept. 24, 1787, be reconsidered by the Committee before it be forwarded to Carolina.

Lodge adjourned to the 3d. Monday in Janu^y. next.

A. Humphreys, Sec^y.

Philada. Jany 21, 1788.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

The R. W. G. M. W^m. Adcock, in the Chair.

R. W. D. G. M. J. B. Smith.

John Service, S. G. W., p. Tem.
Shaw, J. G. W., do.
Few, S. G. D., do.
Delaney, J. G. D., do.
Humphreys, Sc^y.

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 12, 22, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to prepare Rules and Regulations for the better Government of this Grand Lodge made report.

The R. W. G. Master and D. G. M. were then duly installed to their several offices. The Report being read the same were, on Motion and Seconded, unanimously adopted.

Ordered, that the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction who have appointed Committees to receive Subscriptions for Building a House upon the Lot of Ground in this City, given by Brother Joseph Dean, return to the Grand L. at their next quarterly Comm^n.^, an account of what monies have been received for that purpose, or what Subscriptions have been made, and the Sec^y.^ is desired to give them notice thereof. Ordered further, that Brothers Williams and Few, who are appointed a Committee for that purpose, furnish a plan for the Building at the next quarterly Communication, with the expense thereof.

The R. W. G. M. then appointed Brother Few, S. D., and Brother Delaney, J. D., which met the approbation of the Lodge.

Lodge Closed.

A. HUMPHREYS, Sec^y.^

MARCH 31st, 1788.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Com^n.^

The R. W. JON. B. SMITH, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Geo. Ord, S. G. W.
M. Whitehead, J. G. W.
W. Delaney, S. G. D.
J. M^c^Cree, J. G. D.
G. Hamilton, Trea^s.^
A. Humphreys, G. Sec^y.^

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge being opened in due form, the Grand Sec^y.^ informed the Lodge, that agreeable to orders given him, at the last quarterly Communication, he had convened the Members of N. 2, of which he himself was a Member. That in consequence thereof at a Meeting of said Lodge, a

Committee were appointed to collect the Sentiments of the several Members of that Lodge, which Committee were directed to report at an adjourned Lodge, but that the said Lodge had never since met, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Sec^y. be directed to convene the Members of N. 2 again, and in case of a failure to demand their Warrant, &c., in order that it may be returned to the Grand Lodge.

The Order of the Grand Lodge respecting the Pedestals, Jewels, &c., of N. 4 continued and the Grand Treasurer is requested pay attention to the same.

The Business of the Committee to whom was referred the Letters from Carolina as mentioned in the Minutes of Sept. 24, 1787, continued; also, the business of the several Committees of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction who were appointed to Solicit Subscriptions for Building a House on the lot of Ground given by Brother Joseph Dean, as mentioned in the minutes of the 21 January last.

Read a Letter from Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Sec^y. of the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, informing the Lodge that Brother B—— N——, in consequence of Charges contested and proved against him before the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, held in this City on the 11 Inst., was unanimously expelled from the said Lodge, which was ordered to be filed and entered in the Minutes of the G. Lodge.

Read a letter from Thos. Elfe, Master of N°. 42, in Georgia, informing this Lodge of their having taken a Warrant from the Grand Lodge in Georgia. Read also a Letter from Brother D. Norton, informing of his being elected Master of N. 12, held at Winchester, in Virginia. Also, a Letter from the Sec^y. of N°. 45, inclosing a Return of their Members and an account of their Stated Meetings.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered that the Rules and Regulations for the Goverment of this Lodge adopted at the last Meeting be read and reconsidered which being done, Ordered, that the same lie over for consideration.

Lodge adjourned 'til next Quarterly Communication.

A. Humphreys, G. Sec^y.

PHILAD., June 16, 1788.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Communication.

The R. W. JON. B. SMITH, D. G. Master, in the Chair.

A. Rutherford, S. G. W., p. t.
J. McCree, J. G. W., "
Wm. Delaney, S. G. D.
John Claypoole, J. G. D., p. t.
G. Hamilton, Treasurer.
A. Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, 22, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

The order of last Meeting respecting N. 2 continued; also, the order respecting N. 4; also, the Business of the Committee to whom were referred the Letters from Carolina, and to the same Committee was referred a Letter from Jervis Henry Stephens, Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, N. 40, which was read and such Committee were ordered to prepare a Letter to the Grand Lodge in Carolina; also, one in answer to the above Letter from N. 40 and transmit the same as soon as possible.

The several Committees appointed by the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, to solicit Subscriptions for Building a House for the purpose of Masonry, on the Lot of Ground given by Brother Joseph Dean, are directed to return their Subscription papers to the Grand Lodge Treasurer, agreeable to the first Rule made on the occasion, and to pay such monies as they may have received into the hands of the Treasurer.

On Motion and Seconded, ordered, that this Lodge adjourn to 4 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Rules and Regulations formed for the Government of this Grand Lodge.

Adjourned accordingly.

PHILAD., 16 June, 1788.

The R. W. JON. B. SMITH, D. G. M. in the Chair.

Alex. Rutherford, S. G. W., p. T,

John Service, J. G. W., "
Wm. Delaney, S. G. D.
John Claypool, J. G. D., p. T.
G. Hamilton, Tr.
A. Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 12, 22, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form.

The Rules and Regulations for the better Government of this Lodge being read, the same were ordered to be read again by Paragraphs, which being done and such amendments and alterations made as were found proper, the same were unanimously adopted and are as follows, viz.:

Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

N. B. The Bye Laws having been recommitted and altered it was needless to enter them here.

On motion and seconded, ordered, that a Committee be appointed to devise Measures for erecting a Building on the Lot of Ground given by Bro. Dean, whereupon Bro. Williams, McCree, Dean and Few be a Committee for that purpose.

On Motion and Seconded, ordered, that the Secretary get 100 Copies of the rules and regulations printed to be paid for when the funds will admit.

Lodge closed.

St. John's Day, June 24th, 1788.

Grand Lodge.

The R. W. J. B. Smith, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Geo. Ord, S. G. W.
J. McCree, J. G. W., p. t.
M. Whitehead, S. D., "
Healey, J. D., "
A. Humphreys, Scy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form.

Brother Williams, late Master of N. 3, informed this Lodge that they had elected Brother Doctor Rogers, Master; J. McCree, Sen. Warden, and William Healey, J. W., but would make a regular return in writing at the next quarterly Communication.

N. 9 made Return in writing of their Officers and Members as follows, viz.:

Thomas Maysey, M.	James McDonald.	James Dellet.
James Egger, S. W.	Matthew Hand.	John Whiteman.
James Wilkins, J. W.	John Whitehead.	Wm. Matthews.
Wm. Woodhouse, Tr.	James Foot.	John Stafford.
John McMinn, Secy.	Matthew Whitehead.	Dan McCaraher.
Archibald Shaw.	Thomas Wilkins.	

It was then moved and seconded, that this Lodge go into the choice of a Tyler for the Grand Lodge, when Brother Fred. Miller being proposed, he was Unanimously elected. It was then moved and seconded, that the Grand Tyler be allowed 15/ for every time that he shall attend the Grand Lodge, except in cases of processions, when it is expected he renders his Services Gratis.

The Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to Build, &c., are empowered to manage that Business as to them shall appear fit.

It was moved and Seconded, that this Lodge recommend to the Several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, to elect their officers annually instead of half yearly as heretofore; after argument, the question being put, the same was negatived.

Lodge closed.

PHILADA., Nov. 10th, 1788.

Extra Grand Lodge.

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Wm. Williams, S. W., p. t.
G. Hamilton, J. W., p. t.
J. McCree, S. D., p. t.
Duplessis, J. D., p. t.
A. Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 8, 12, 19, 22, 40 and 45 represented.

The R. W. D. G. Master Mentioned from the Chair, that the purpose of calling this Meeting was to transmit by Broth. Bush, who is now about to go to England, a Copy of the Letter already Ordered and sent to the Grand Lodge of England; also, to communicate to the other Lodges in Europe such matters as might be proper; and on Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that a Duplicate of the Letter to England be transmitted by Brother Bush, and that the same be prepared by the Sec^y., and further Ordered, that the R. W. G. Master communicate to the Several Grand Lodges, which Brother Bush may meet with in his Travels, the existence of this Lodge, and that it is their wish to hold a Brotherly and friendly correspondence and communication with them.

Lodge closed in Harmony.

DEC. 15th, 1788.

Grand Lodge, quarterly Communication.

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, D. G. M., in the Chair.

Geo. Ord, S. G. W.
Jos. Dean, J. G. W.
Jos. Few, S. G. D.
W^m. Delaney, J. G. D.
J. Bankson, Tr., p. T.
A. Humphreys, Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 19, 22, 40, 44 and 45 represented.

A Grand lodge being opened in due form, On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to Solicit a Subscription of 40 or £50 for the purpose of erecting a temporary Building on the Lot of Ground given by Brother J. Dean, Whereupon, the following Brethren were appointed a Committee for the purpose aforesaid, viz.: the R. W. D. G. Master, J. Dean, J. P. McCree, P. Wadman, J. Few and W^m. Kidd.

Read a Letter from the Grand Lodge, held at the Masons'

Hall, in the City of Richmond, soliciting a Correspondence with this Grand Lodge. Ordered, that the following Brethren be a Committee to answer the same, viz., the R. W. D. G. M., John Vannost and J. Bankson.

Read a Letter from Lodge N. 14, in the Borough of Wilmington, soliciting a renewal of their Warrant. Ordered, that their request be complied with, leaving it to themselves to do What is most agreeable to them respecting arrears, and the Sec$^{y.}$ is ordered to prepare the same.

Read a Letter from Margeret Jones soliciting Charity and the same was referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Several Brethren, Members of this Grand Lodge in behalf of Brother Charles Young, being Read, Ordered, on Motion and Seconded, that the following Brethren be a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said petition, but that such Committee do not proceed upon the Business 'til the Return of Brother Proctor who is absent, to this City, and not without giving Brother Proctor personal notice of the place and time of meeting, viz.: J. Bankson, W$^{m.}$ Kidd, Ed. Fox, P. Wadman and W$^{m.}$ Williams, who, or any three of them may proceed on the Business.

The Lodge then proceeded to the Election of Officers, agreeable to the 6 Article of the Bye laws, the Secretary having first declared to the Lodge that the present Grand Master had absolutely refused to continue in that office any longer, upon which several Brethren being put in nomination, Brother J. B. Smith was duly elected G. Master for the ensuing year. Sev$^{l.}$ Members being put up in nomination for D. G. Master, B$^{r.}$ George Ord was duly elected. Several Brethren being then put up in Nomination for S. G. W., Brother Jos. Dean was duly elected. Several Brethren then being put up in Nomination for J. G. W., Brother Joseph Few was duly Elected. Several Brethren then being put up in nomination for G. T., Brother G. Hamilton was duly elected. Several brethren then being put up in nomination as Grand Sec$^{y.,}$ Brother A$^{\cdot}$. Humphreys was duly elected.

Some observations upon the Bye Laws being made by Brother Duplessis, which being read the same was Ordered to lie over for Consideration.

The Business Respecting N. 2 continued; also, the Order relative No. 4; also, the Business of the Committee respecting Letters from Carolina.

Lodge Closed in Harmony and adjourned to St. John's Day at 10 o'clock A. M.

St. John's Day, Philada., Dec. 27, 1788.

Grand Lodge.

The R. W. M. J. B. Smith, in the Chair.

Geo. Ord, S. W.
P. Wadman, J. W.
J. Few, S. D.
T. Town, J. D.
G. Hamilton, Trs.
A. Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 12, 22, 40 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge being opened in due form, Read a Letter from Lodge N. 12 at Winchester, in Virginia, accompanied with a Minute of their proceedings and a remittance of £12 Virginia Currency, which the Treasurer acknowledged to have received. The minutes were then referred to the Grand T., G. Secy. and Brother McCree, who, or any two of them, were appointed a Committee to Examine the same.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the monies subscribed and received for the purpose of erecting a Temporary Building on the lot of ground given by Brother Jos. Dean, be immediately paid into the hands of the Grand T., and Brother Williams is desired to go on with the Building.

The Lodge proceeded to the Installation of Officers, when the R. W. G. Master, the R. W D. G. Master, the Sen. G. W., and J. G. Warden, Treasurer and Secretary, were duly and severally Installed to their respective Offices. The R. W. G. Master then nominated Brother Wm. Kidd to be S. G. D., and Brother Wm. Williams, J. G. D., for the ensuing year, after which the R. W. G. Master addressed the Brethren from the

Chair, thanking them for the honor they had done him in appointing him Grand Master, and soliciting their assistance in enabling him to discharge the weighty duties of his office.

N°. 3 and N°. 9 made return of their officers, viz.: N°. 3, John McCree, M.; Wm. Healy, S. W.; John Carson, J. W. N. 9, Thomas Meazey, M.; James Ager, S. W.; Dan. McCarager, J. W.

The Grand Secy. nominated and appointed Brother James Whitehead, to be his Deputy.

Lodge Closed.

A. Humphreys,
G. Secy.

March 30th, 1789.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. Smith, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, S. G. W.
J. Pennington, S. G. W.
Wm. Kidd, S. G. D.
Wm. Delany, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 44 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form.

Read a letter from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, inclosing minutes of their proceedings, Whereupon, Ordered, that Brother Fox, Pennington and McCree, or any two of them, be a committee to answer the said letter.

The R. W. G. M. then presented to the Lodge a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 8, held at Norristown, when the same were committed to the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Bro. Duplessis, who are to report upon the same if they find it necessary.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge that Bro. Blaith. Jones had in his possession sundry Books and papers belonging to the G. Lodge, which he was ready and desirous to de-

liver up, Whereupon, the G. Secretary was directed to apply to his Executor, Anthony Morris, and endeavor to obtain the same.

Information being then given to the Lodge by Bro. Few that some property belonging to the G. Lodge was in the hands of Daniel Smith, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mr. Shutte, deceased, Whereupon the G. Treasurer was directed to apply for the same.

Lodge closed.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15th, 1789.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.
George Ord, Dy. G. M.
Alexander Rutherford, S. G. W.
Matthew Whitehead, J. G. W.
Wm. Kidd, Sr. G. D.
Wm. Delany, J. G. D.
Ass. Humphreys, G. Sy.

Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 9, 19, 22 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form.

The Gd. Secretary informed the Lodge that since the last Communication he had received from No. 8, a List of their Members, which he produced and the same was ordered to be recorded. Read a letter from Bro. William McIlwaine informing, &c. Ordered, that the Gd. Secretary demand their Warrant and a Settlement of their Account with this Gd. Lodge.

The Committee on Bye Laws continued.

The R. W. G. Master exhibited an account of S. Pancoast against this Lodge, which was ordered to be paid; the Gd. Tyler's account was also ordered to be paid out of the first Monies that shall come to the Gd. Treasurer's hands.

Read a Petition from several Brethren, late members of

Lodge N°. 2, praying a Warrant, to be called N°. 2, in the names of Praise Wadman, Master; Jacob Bankson, S. W., and John Salsberry, J. W. Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, June 24th, 1789.

Gd. Lodge.

The R. W. Jona. B. Smith, in the Chair.

George Ord, Dy. G. M.
Thos. Proctor, S. G. W.
Thos. Meazey, J. G. W.
Towne, S. G. D.
Shaw, J. G. D.
Hamilton, Treasr.
Humphreys, Secy.

Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 9, 19, 22 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

Bro. Praise Wadman was installed Master of Lodge N°. 2; and Bro. John Salsberry was installed J. W. of the said Lodge, with the usual Ceremonies.

Read a Memorial from Arthur French, praying a recommendation from this Lodge to the Supreme Executive Council, to relieve him from Confinement, upon which it appearing to the Lodge from the Communications of several Brethren that the Memorialist is not worthy of the Attention of this Gd. Lodge, his Memorial was dismissed.

Read a petition from Mary Wood soliciting Charity. Ordered, that the same be referred to the Committee of Charity.

Received the returns of Officers of Lodges N°. 3, N°. 19 and N°. 9 which were ordered to be filed.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Lodge 210, held in the City of New York, be informed of Arthur French's application to this Lodge, and of his Conduct in this City, and that

the Certificate granted him by Lodge No. 210 be transmitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge in New York.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28, 1789.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

The R. W. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

George Ord, Dy. Gd. M.
John Service, S. G. W.
J. Pennington, J. G. W.
M. Whitehead, S. G. D.
Hayley, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 22, 39 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form.

The Secretary informed the Lodge that he had transmitted the Certificate of Arthur French, mentioned in the minutes of the 24th of June last, to the Secretary of the Gd. Lodge in New York but as yet had received no answer.

Read a Letter from Benja. Street and others directed to Bro. Proctor, soliciting a Warrant for holding a Lodge in Norfolk, in Virginia. The Lodge taking the same into Consideration, it was their opinion that a Grand Lodge being established in Virginia, it was more proper for the applicants to apply for a Warrant to that Grand Lodge, not wishing to interfere with the Jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge, and the applicants have leave to withdraw their application.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Committees of the other Lodges of this City upon the propriety of renting a room for the purposes of Masonry. Ordered, that the R. W. D. G. Master, the Treasurer and Secretary be a Committee for that purpose.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to revise the Certificates granted to Brethren by this Grand Lodge, and make such alterations in the same as they may think proper. Ordered, that Bro. McCree, Pennington,

Humphreys, Hamilton, Duplessis and Few be a Committee for that purpose.

On Motion, Seconded and thirded, Ordered, that on St. John's day next there be a procession of Masons in Masonic Order in this City, and that Bro. Proctor, Humphreys, Whitehead, McCree, Duplessis, Rice and Oswald, be a Committee to arrange, direct, and carry the same into Effect.

Lodge closed in Harmony.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14th, 1789.

Gd. Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

Js. Dean, Dy. G. M.
Joseph Few, Sr. G. W.
Matthew Hand, J. G. W.
Towne, S. G. D.
Delany, J. G. D.
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treasr.
Jacob Bankson, G. Sy., p. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15, 19, 22 and 45 represented.

A Master Masons Lodge opened in due form.

The Petition of Arthur French being considered, the Idea of his restoration was dismissed.

Order of the procession read, and an Enquiry had whether in the first instance the Consideration of the propriety of a procession shall be deferred for a further Consideration; by a majority, postponed. A second proposition was made, whether there shall be a procession or not, and it was determined by a Majority that there shall not be a procession.

The Committee appointed about renting a room made report and were discharged.

Upon the Petition of Bro. Rutherford, in his Complaint of Lodge No. 14, of Wilmington, in Newcastle County, in having

furnished them with and loaned to them jewels which they had not returned or made him any Compensation for, Directed, that a Citation issue from this Grand Lodge to the Master of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 14, commanding him to appear at the next Quarterly Communication to answer the complaint of Bro. Rutherford, and that a copy of said Complaint accompany said Citation.

The report of the Committee in the Case of Bro. Young and Proctor was read and ordered to lie over for Consideration until the next meeting of this G$^{d.}$ Lodge and that the Brothers respectively be entitled to Copies of the said report.

A number of Letters were read which were dated and filed.

The Committee on the Bye laws not being ready to report were continued.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, was chosen Grand Master. The Election of a Deputy Grand Master was postponed. Bro. Jos. Few was chosen Senior G$^{d.}$ Warden; Bro. William McIlwaine, junior G$^{d.}$ Warden; Bro. Gavin Hamilton, G$^{d.}$ Treasurer and Bro. Assheton Humphreys, G$^{d.}$ Secretary. The further election of G$^{d.}$ Officers was deferred until Friday Evening to which time this Lodge is adjourned.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18, 1789.

G$^{d.}$ Lodge, by adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, D$^{y.}$ G. M.
Tho$^{s.}$ Proctor, S. G. W.
P. Wadman, J. G. W.
John Service, S. G. D.
W$^{m.}$ Delany, J. G. D.
Gavin Hamilton, G$^{d.}$ Tr$^{r.}$
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. S$^{y.,}$ p. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 15, 19, 25 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in ample form and the Minutes of last night read.

The R. W. Grand Master ordered a Letter from Bro. Humphreys, Grand Secretary, to be read, Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the resignation of said Bro. Humphreys was accepted.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of revising the Bye Laws, &c., reported, and their report being read, Ordered, the same should lie over to be considered at the next Meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee in the Case of Bro. Young and Proctor having been taken up and read, the same was considered, adopted and confirmed, And on motion and seconded, the same Committee were appointed to carry the said report into Execution.

A Petition from a number of Brethren of Port au Prince, in the Island of St. Domingo, in the French West Indies, praying to be favored with a Warrant from this Grand Lodge, was read, Whereupon their request was unanimously granted, and the Secretary directed to make out one, No. 47.

The further Election and appointment of Grand Officers was postponed till the next Meeting.

On Motion and seconded, this Lodge adjourned to Tuesday next, at 6 o'clock p. M., precisely.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to a Letter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland reported, and the answer being read and approved, was ordered to be signed by the R. W. G. M., and transmitted.

Lodge closed at 9 o'clock in Harmony.

PHILADA., December 21st, 1789.

Grand Lodge, by adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. JONA. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

James Martin, Dy. G. M.
Joseph Few, S. G. W.
A. Rutherford, J. G. W.
W. Williams, S. G. D.
W. Delany, J. G. D.
G. Hamilton, G. Tr.
A. Humphreys, G. Sy.
M. Ewing, Gd. Secy., New Jersey, vis.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 and 45 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form, And the minutes of the two last nights read.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that a Copy of the minute relative to the application of sundry Brethren in Virginia, be transmitted by the G. Secy. to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Bro. George Ord was duly elected Dy. Gd. Master.

The Lodge then went into an Election for Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, when Bro. A. Humphreys was duly elected.

The Lodge was then called off from Labour to refreshment, and being called again to Labour, on Motion and Seconded, that the report of the Committee appointed for the purpose of revising the Bye Laws, &c., be now considered. The Lodge taking the Same into Consideration, Ordered, on Motion and Seconded, that the same be recommitted, and the Committee are then desired to report fully at the next Meeting.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Bro. Rutherford be added to the Committee on the Bye Laws.

On Motion and Seconded, That the resolve of this Lodge upon the report of the Committee in the Case of Proctor and Young be reconsidered, and in the meantime the Committee appointed to carry the said report into effect, be directed not to proceed until further Orders, Whereupon, Ordered, that the same be adopted.

The Lodge then adjourned to Friday Evening for the purpose of considering the Bye Laws.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren he could not

consistent with the duty he owes to the R. W. G. Lodge and to himself, continue any longer in that Office, gave thanks for the honor conferred on him, and desired they would accept of his resignation, and proceed to the Election of a new Gd. Master.

Lodge closed at half past 9 o'clock in Harmony.

PHILADELPHIA, December 25, 1789.

Grand Lodge, by adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

James Martin, Dy. G. M.
Thos. Proctor, S. G. W., p. T.
J. McCree, J. G. W., p. T.
B. Mason, S. G. D.
Willis, J. G. D.
G. Hamilton, G. Trr.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy., p. T.
M. Ewing, Gd. Secy., New Jersey, visr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 12, 19 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in ample form and the minutes of the last meeting read.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge that agreeably to the resolve of the 18th instant, a Warrant has been issued for holding a Lodge in the city of Port au Prince, in the Island of St. Domingo, in the French West Indies, in the name of Bro. Pierre Augustin Riquet du Belloy, Master; Bro. Guisseppe Olivier, Senr. Warden, and Bro. Pierre Joseph Jullien, Junior Warden; the said Lodge being No. 47, and called Union of Franco-American Hearts; that the said Warrant had been forwarded with a Dispensation to Bro. Laurent De la Place, Celestin Lefebére and Louis Hamell, to install the said Officers.

On Motion and Seconded the Committee on the Bye Laws

were continued and Bro. McCree was added to the said Committee, who, or any three of them are directed to proceed and to make report as soon as possible.

A Letter from Bro. Humphreys, Gd. Secy. elect, expressing his wishes to resign the said Office was read, and on Motion and Seconded, his resignation was accepted, and the Lodge having proceeded to the election of a Grand Secretary, Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis was duly elected.

On Motion and Seconded, Unanimously Ordered, That the Thanks of this Gd. Lodge be given to Bro. Assheton Humphreys, late Gd. Secy., for his long, faithful, and able discharge of the duty of that Office.

The R. W. G. Master expressed his desire this Lodge would accept of his resignation and proceed to an election of a Gd. Master, Whereupon, this Lodge is adjourned to Monday next, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of chusing a Gd. Master and installing the new Gd. Officers, and receiving the returns of the Lodges.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28, 1789.

Gd. Lodge by adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. JonA. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

George Ord, Dy. G. M.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
J. McCree, J. G. W., p. T.
W. Williams, S. G. D., p. T.
A. Shaw, J. G. D., p. T.
G. Hamilton, G. Tr.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Sy.
M. Ewing, Gd. Sy., New Jersey, vis.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in ample form and the minutes of the last meeting read.

The R. W. G. Master presented a Letter from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, inclosing resolutions of the said Grand Lodge for the purpose of establishing a Correspondence, &c. On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Hamilton, McCree and P. Le Barbier Duplessis, were chosen a Committee to answer the said Letter.

A Petition from Mary Wood, the Widow and relict of Bro. Abram Wood was read and the same on Motion and Seconded, was referred to the Committee of Charity.

Returns were received from Lodges N°. 2, 3, 9, 19 and 31.

On Motion and Seconded, the Lodge was called from Labour to refreshment, and being called again to Labour, a Petition was read from a number of Brethren of Bedford County, praying this Right Worshipful Gr^d.^ Lodge would please to grant them a Warrant to constitute them a Lodge at Bedford, &c.; Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Gr^d.^ Sec^y.^ ordered to make out the said warrant N°. 48.

The Committee on the Bye Laws having made report the same was taken into Consideration and some progress made.

On Motion and Seconded, the Lodge is adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 2 o'clock, p. M.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28, 1789.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.
A. Rutherford, D^y.^ G. M.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
Thos. Proctor, J. G. W., p. T.
W. Williams, S. G. D.
Egers, J. G. D.
G. Hamilton, G. Tr^r.^
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. S^y.^
M. Ewing, G^d.^ S^y.^, New Jersey.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the minutes of the last meeting read.

On Motion and seconded, the Lodge proceeded to the Consideration of the Bye Laws and made further progress, and on Motion and seconded, adjourned to to-morrow at four o'clock, p. M., precisely.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past seven o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29, 1789.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

James Martin, Dy. G. M.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
Copeland, J. G. W.
Cockran, S. G. D.
McKarraher, J. G. D.
G. Hamilton, G. Tr.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy.
M. Ewing, Gd. Secy., New Jersey.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the Minutes of last meeting read.

On Motion and seconded, the Lodge proceeded to the Consideration of the Bye Laws, and the same having been read by Paragraphs, and such Amendments and Alterations made as were found proper, on Motion and seconded, the same were adopted, and are, &c.

RULES and REGULATIONS for the GOVERNMENT of the GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall consist of the present Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand

Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens, and of the present Masters and Wardens, and the Past Masters of all Lodges under the jurisdiction thereof; but no person shall be a member of this Grand Lodge longer than he continues to be a member of some Lodge under its jurisdiction.

II. The Grand Lodge shall have four communications in every year, which shall be on the first Monday in March, June, September and December, forever (the meetings from September till March shall be at six, and from March till September at seven o'clock in the evening), and the different Lodges are to attend on these days by their proper officers or deputies, with or without notice for that purpose. Nevertheless the Grand Secretary shall cause public notice to be given in one or more of the public newspapers in the City of Philadelphia, on the two Mondays preceding, and on that of the meeting of each communication, and shall send summonses to all the members in or within three miles of the place of such meeting.

III. Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, or within three miles of it, shall be represented in Grand Lodge at each quarterly communication by their Masters and Wardens, or either of them, but any distant Lodge may be represented by a proxy. None but a Master Mason, who has passed the Chair in some regular Lodge, can be admitted as the proxy of any Lodge, and his commission as proxy must be under the seal of the Lodge that appoints him, signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary.

IV. No member of this Grand Lodge, as such, shall be subject to the payment of dues or fines.

V. A majority of the members present shall determine every question, and the Brother in the Chair shall have the casting vote. If any one Lodge request the vote to be taken by ballot, it shall be so taken. No vote shall be reconsidered by a smaller number of Lodges than were present when the vote passed, nor on the same day the motion to reconsider is made. No vote shall be passed at an extra Lodge in which a distant Lodge is particularly interested, without previous notice to that Lodge or their proxy; and if said proxy request

it (unless in cases which two-thirds of the Lodges present shall judge to be too urgent to admit of delay), the decision shall be referred to the next communication.

VI. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectively, shall be chosen by ballot at the communication next before the feast of St. John the Evangelist in every year, and if any two or more shall have an equal number of votes in their favor for any of the offices aforesaid, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken which shall be confined to the persons who on the first ballot shall have had an equal number, and if the ballots should again be equal between two or more persons for any of the offices aforesaid, then the election for the said office shall be determined by lot between those who shall have equal numbers.

VII. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, so chosen shall be installed in their respective offices on the said St. John the Evangelist's Day; and after such instalment the Grand Master shall appoint his Grand Deacons, Grand Chaplain, Grand Stewards, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler; but no Brother shall be appointed to any of the before mentioned offices (except Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler) who has not passed the Chair of some regular Lodge under this or some other ancient jurisdiction, to be made known by proper vouchers.

VIII. No Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge but the immediate members thereof, viz.: The four present and all former Grand Officers, the Secretary and Treasurer, the Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, and proxies of all regular Lodges, except a Brother who is a petitioner or witness in some case, or one called in by motion.

IX. The jewels to be worn by the Grand Officers shall be of gold, pendant to a collar of riband, and the aprons shall be edged with riband and silk fringe; the riband and fringe for the Grand Master shall be of purple, and blue for the other Grand Officers; the jewels of private Lodges shall be of silver,

and the riband blue. No Brother shall appear in Grand Lodge without the jewel of his office; Past Masters shall wear theirs.

X. When a sufficient number of Lodges are represented to form a Grand Lodge, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or other presiding officer has taken the chair, and has given due notice, the brethren shall take their seats, the representative of each Lodge agreeably to their seniority, seating themselves by each other, No. 2 taking the left hand of the Grand Master, No. 3 taking the left of No. 2, and so on until all Lodges present are seated.

XI. Every question moved and seconded shall be put by the Chair; and no new matter shall be brought forward until that on hand shall be first decided upon. No Brother shall speak more than twice to the same question, unless with leave of the Chair, or to explain himself. The Chair shall determine all questions of order.

XII. No Brother shall be permitted to enter into the Lodge room after the Lodge is opened unless he is properly clothed, and until his name and quality are announced by the Grand Pursuivant, and leave given by the Grand Master or other presiding officer.

XIII. There shall be a standing committee of charity, which shall consist of the right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and of which the Masters of the respective Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, for the time being, shall always be a part, a majority of whom shall be authorized to do business. The duty of this committee shall be to meet in the City of Philadelphia at least once in every month, or oftener if they shall see necessary, and receive such applications as may be presented from distressed brethren, their widows or orphans, and afford them such relief as the circumstances of the fund will allow, and the situation of the applicants shall call for; and the Grand Treasurer shall pay all the orders of the said committee duly signed by the presiding officer, and countersigned by the Secretary, charging the charity fund therewith, and the said committee

shall keep minutes of their proceedings, which shall be read before the Grand Lodge at every communication.

XIV. At the close of every year there shall be a committee appointed to examine and settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts, who shall report at the quarterly communication in March next following.

XV. Every member of a constituted Lodge under this Grand Lodge shall pay *one shilling* quarterly to the CHARITY FUND of the same.

XVI. Every person who obtains the benefit of Masonry in any regular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay *five shillings* to the Charity Fund of the same; all which dues shall be made good by every particular Lodge to the Grand Lodge at least once a year, at either of the Communications before St. John the Evangelist's Day.

XVII. Every Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall on or before the next St. John's Day, transmit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of all their members, with the time of their having been initiated or admitted members, and a copy of their By-Laws, and on every St. John the Evangelist's Day following a list of their initiations, admissions, passings, raisings, deaths, rejections of candidates, expulsions of members, together with a copy of such alterations or additions as shall have been made to their By-Laws since the last copy may have been so transmitted, and a return of their last election.

XVIII. No new Warrant shall be granted but upon petition of at least five, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved master Masons, nor shall a new Warrant be granted to any number of Masons residing within five miles of the place of meeting mentioned in the Warrant of an established Lodge, and who are members of the said Lodge, without the consent of such Lodge, signified under the seal thereof. Every Warrant shall be accompanied with a copy of the constitutions and by-laws, also with a list of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the times and places of their meetings.

	£	s.	d.
Every Lodge shall pay for a warrant before delivered, the sum of	12	0	0
For every dispensation, ...	1	10	0
For every certificate, ...	0	7	6

which several sums shall go to the contingent fund, out of which shall be paid the expenses of the Grand Lodge.

XIX. The Grand Secretary may appoint his Deputy subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge. He shall have the care of the archives. He shall keep fair records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall present all the votes and orders of the Grand Lodge after they are entered to all those Grand Officers who were present at the passing of the same, to be by each of them signed. He shall keep a register for the particular purpose of entering all warrants, dispensations, certificates, the names of every member of each Lodge, and the return from the several Lodges. He shall furnish the first named person on every committee, as soon as possible, with a copy of the minutes and papers with respect to the business of such committee, for which he shall take a receipt, and the person so first named shall call the committee together, and be answerable for the papers, which he shall return with the report.

	£	s.	d.
The fees of the Grand Secretary shall be, For making out and recording each warrant, . .	1	2	6
For making out and recording each dispensation,	0	15	0
For each certificate, ...	0	7	6
For registering every Brother in Grand Lodge books,	0	1	0

XX. All appeals from any private Lodge shall be made in writing, and left with the Grand Secretary, and the appellant shall give the other party notice thereof in time, otherwise the Grand Lodge shall not proceed. And all appeals, letters, etc., shall be read in Grand Lodge, but first handed to the Chair.

XXI. The Grand Master, with his Deputy, the Grand War-

dens, and Grand Secretary, shall annually go round and visit all the Lodges under his jurisdiction, or when this duty becomes impracticable, he shall, as often as necessary, appoint visitors of different districts, composed of his Grand Officers or such other brethren as he may think proper, who shall faithfully report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, according to instructions given them.

XXII. No Brother shall have a certificate unless he is going abroad, nor until all dues are certified by the Secretary of his own Lodge to be paid, nor without a recommendation of the said Lodge, under the seal thereof, signed by the Master and Wardens, and countersigned by the Secretary, and all certificates shall be signed by the officers of the Grand Lodge.

XXIII. Whenever the Grand Master or presiding officer rises from his Chair, all debates shall cease, and there shall be a strict silence. Any members excluded the Grand Communication shall also be excluded every Lodge under the jurisdiction until restored by the Grand Lodge. Of this the Grand Secretary shall notify every Lodge.

XXIV. There shall be a committee of correspondence appointed at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year, whose duties and powers shall be ascertained at the time of their appointment.

XXV. There shall be no processions but with the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the communication next preceding the feast of St. John, when the same is to take place. And no funeral processions shall be had without an application to the Grand Master, or senior Grand Officer present, made by the Master or Wardens of such Lodge as the deceased Brother did belong to, or by five brethren, if the deceased Brother was a stranger and did not belong to any Lodge, nor without the consent of the Grand Master, or in his absence of his Deputy, and the two Grand Wardens, if both present.

XXVI. Upon the demise of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of said Lodge shall within three months afterwards surrender to the Grand Secretary the books, papers, jewels, funds and furni-

ture of said Lodge; nor shall any member of said demised Lodge be elected into any other Lodge till he shall have paid all arrears due from him to said Lodge to the Grand Treasurer.

XXVII. If in the Grand Lodge any member is twice called to order at any one assembly for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offence of the same nature, the Chair shall peremptorily order him to quit the Lodge room for that night, and such excluded brother shall be afterwards dealt with as is set forth in the twenty-third regulation.

XXVIII. No matter or thing contained in these rules shall affect, vitiate, or annul the ancient landmarks, nor make void the established rules, customs, and usages of this Grand Lodge, as are set forth in section ten and eleven of chap. third of the late abridgement of Ahiman Rezon, published at the request of this Grand Lodge, the twenty-second day of November, 1781, unless the same is hereby explicitly changed, altered and repealed.

LIST OF WARRANTS ISSUED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

NO.	PLACES OF MEETING.	DAYS OF MEETING.	OBSERVATIONS.
1.	Vacant.		
2.	Philadelphia,	1st Monday,	Surrendered.
2.	Philadelphia,	1st Monday.	
3.	Philadelphia,	3d Tuesday.	
4.	Philadelphia,		Vacated.
5.	Cantwell's Bridge,	Last Thursday.	
6.	Georgetown.*		
7.	Chestertown.		
8.	Norristown,	3d Tuesday.	
9.	Lancaster,		Surrendered.
9.	Philadelphia,	1st Friday.	
10.	Baskinrige.*		
11.	Newton,		Surrendered.
11.	London Grove.		
12.	Bucks County,		Surrendered.
12.	Winchester,	1st Monday.	
13.	Philadelphia,		Vacated.
14.	Wilmington,	3d Tuesday.	
15.	Fell's Point.*		
16.	Baltimore.		
17.	Chester Mills.		

NO.	PLACES OF MEETING.	DAYS OF MEETING.	OBSERVATIONS.
18.	Dover.		
18.	British 17th Regt.		
19.	Pennsa. Artillery,		Surrendered.
19.	Philadelphia,	3d Thursday.	
20.	N. Carolina,		Regimental vac.
21.	Lancaster,		Lower Paxton.
22.	Sunbury,	Full moon.	
23.	Middletown, N. J.*		
24.	Reading.		
25.	Bristol,	1st Tuesday.	
26.	Carlisle.		
27.	Maryland Line,		Vacated.
27.	Charleston.*		
28.	Pennsylvania Line,		Vacated.
29.	Travelling,		Surrendered.
29.	Cambridge, M.*		
30.			
31.	Travelling,		Vacated.
31.	Philadelphia County,	1st Monday.	
32.	Burlington.*		
33.	Newcastle,	1st Thursday.	
34.	Talbot County.*		
35.	Joppa.		
36.	N. Jersey Line,		Surrendered.
37.	Princess Anne.*		
38.	Charleston, S. C.		
39.	Alexandria, Virg.		
40.	Charleston, S. C.		
41.	Portsmouth, V.		
42.	Savannah, G.*		
43.	Lancaster.		
44.	Duck Creek,	1st Thursday.	
45.	Pittsburg,	2d Tuesday.	
46.	Charleston, S. C.*		
47.	Port au Prince.		
48.	Bedford.		
	Cape Francois,		Returned.
	Easton,		Vacated.

* Those Lodges marked thus*, have formed Grand Lodges in their respective states.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Proctor was added to the Committee on the Certificate and the same Committee were directed to make such alterations to the Seal of this Grand Lodge as they may think proper, four of them to proceed to Business.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Duplessis, Hamilton, Mason, McCree, Fox, Bankson and Few, or any four of them were appointed a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Delany, Cockran, McCree, Kidd and Duplessis, or any three of them were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the accounts of Bro. Treasurer and late Gd. Secy.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Bro. Duplessis, McCree and Fox be a Committee to prepare for the press, the Bye Laws adopted this day, and to procure as many Copies as they shall think proper.

On Motion and Seconded, this Lodge is adjourned to Monday next at 3 o'clock, p. M., precisely, for the purpose of installing the New Gd. Officers and Bro. James Martin of Lodge No. 48.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, January 4th, 1790.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

George Ord, Dy. G. M.
Joseph Few, S. G. W.
M. Whitehead, J. G. W., p. T.
Wm. Williams, S. G. D.
B. Mason, J. G. D.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy.
G. Hamilton, G. Trr.
R. Dr. Wm. Smith.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the Minutes of last meeting read.

The Gd. Secretary reported he had received a return of the

Standing Members of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9, which was read as followeth:

William Williams, Master.		Thos. Wilkins.
Ja^{s}. McDonald, Senr. Warden.		John McMinn.
Mathew Hand, Ju^{r}. Warden.		John Whitehead.
Ja^{s}. Egger,	Past Master.	John Flanigan.
Mathew Whitehead,	do	Robert Lumsden.
John Stafford,	do	John Wheelen.
Danl. McKarraher,	do	James Dillet.
Arch^{d}. Shaw,	do	John Whiteman.
Thos. Maysey,	do	Robert Taylor.
W^{m}. Woodhouse, Treas^{r}.		John Hawkins.

James Wilkens, Sec^{y}.

The R. W. G. Master presented Bro. Woodhouse's Bill for binding 1892 Ahiman Rezon, whereby it appears there is a Balance of £44. 15. 6 in favor of said Bro. Woodhouse, Whereupon, Bro. Woodhouse's account was referred to the G$^{d.}$ Secretary who is to report at the next Communication.

The Lodge proceeded to the Election of a Grand Master, when the R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, was unanimously re-elected, and by the G$^{d.}$ Secretary thrice proclaimed aloud Grand Master of Masons for the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, And he was pleased to install the R. W. George Ord, Dep$^{y.}$ G$^{d.}$ Master. Bro. Joseph Few was installed to the Office of Senior G$^{d.}$ Warden; Bro. Gavin Hamilton, G$^{d.}$ Treasurer, and Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, G$^{d.}$ Secretary.

The R. W. G. Master then proceeded to the Installation of Bro. James Martin, Master, named in the Warrant lately granted for holding a Lodge in the Town of Bedford, when the Reverend Brother William Smith, Doctor of Divinty, opened the Business by a prayer suitable to the occasion, and the said Bro. Martin being installed, the G$^{d.}$ Secretary proclaimed the said Lodge duly constituted No. 48.

M$^{rs.}$ Boyles application was referred to the Committee of Charity.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Bro. G$^{d.}$ Pursuivant shall, in future, be allowed the sum of fifteen Shillings for his attendance at every Stated Meeting, and Seven Shillings and

Sixpence for every Lodge of Emergency, And that he will be paid for his past Services at the same rate.

Bro. G^d. Secretary, with the Consent and Approbation of the Lodge, nominated Bro. Benjamin Mason, Dep^y. G^d. Secretary.

Lodge closed at half past seven o'clock in Harmony.

J. B. Smith, G. M^r.
George Ord, D^y. G. Mast^r.
Joseph Few, S. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sec.

Philadelphia, March 1st, 1790.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. M. Jonathan Bayard Smith, in the Chair.

Geo. Ord, D^y. G. M.
Joseph Few, S. G. W.
Alexander Rutherford, J. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. D., p. T.
William Williams, J. G. D., p. T.
Rev^d. D^r. Andrews.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 25, 33, 45 and 48 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form, and the Minutes of the last Communication read.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of Georgia in answer to one from this Grand Lodge of the 2^d. Nov^r., 1788, &c., together with a List of their Officers, their regulations, and an Impression of their Seal, were presented by the R. W. G. Master, and the same being read, it was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Petition from a number of Brethren, in the town of Washington, accompanied with a Letter from the Master of Lodge N°. 45, held at Pittsburgh, was read, and on Motion and Seconded, the same was ordered to lie on the table.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to nomi-

nate and appoint Bro. McCree, Sr. G. Deacon; Bro. William Williams, Jr. Grand Deacon, and Bro. John Andrews, D. D., G. Chaplain.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master read a Paragraph of a Letter concerning the Lodge No. 18, at Dover; On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that a former resolve of this Grand Lodge concerning the renewal of Warrants be suspended in respect to that Lodge.

The Committee appointed to Settle the G. Treasurer's and Gd. Secretary's accts. made report, That they had endeavored to perform that Duty, and had made some progress, &c., Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same Committee have leave to sit again, and are besides authorized to investigate all accounts whatsoever in which this Grand Lodge is concerned.

Bro. Gd. Secretary reported that agreeably to appointment he had waited on Bro. Woodhouse whose account appears to be just, and the balance of £44. 15. 6 due him.

Bro. Gd. Secretary having presented Bro. Gd. Tyler's Bill wherein there is a balance of £11. 0. 7 in his favor, Ordered, That Bro. Grand Treasurer shall pay the said Bill from the first Monies he may receive.

The Committees who have not reported are continued.

J. B. Smith, G. M.
Jos. Few, Sr. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secy.

Philadelphia, June 7, 5790.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master Jonathan Bayard Smith, in the Chair.
Jacob Bankson, Dy. G. M.
Joseph Few, Senr. G. W.
Tilton, Jr. G. W., p. T.
Matthew Whitehead, Senr. G. D., p. T.
William Williams, Jr. G. D.
Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secy.
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treasr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 45 and 47 represented.

Vis. Brethren, Benj. Street from Norfolk in Virginia, R. Arch. Mason.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the Minutes of last Communication being read,

A Letter was read from the R. W. James Jackson, inclosing two Resolves of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia; Whereupon, after argument, On Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the Constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge to have Jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the Continent, as proposed by the R. W. G. Lodge of Georgia, is inexpedient and appears impracticable; But that a Convention of Deputies from the several Grand Lodges within the United States for the purpose of forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and permanent intercourse betwixt the said Grand Lodges, would be highly advantageous to the Fraternity, and that this G. Lodge will appoint Deputies to such Convention for the aforesaid purposes.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the R. W. G. Master be requested to write to the R. W. James Jackson, and inclose him a Copy of this Resolution.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the W$^{l.}$ Brothers Joseph Few, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis and John McCree, be a Committee to write a letter to the several Grand Lodges in the United States of America, inclosing a Copy of the resolve passed this Day, and assigning the reasons upon which it is founded: the Letter to be submitted to the inspection of the R. W. G. Master.

A Petition was received from the Master and other Members of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 47, at Reading, praying leave to remove said Lodge from Reading to Churchtown, in the County of Lancaster.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That their Warrant be renewed to meet at Churchtown aforesaid, or within five miles of it; the said Lodge to be hereafter called N$^{o.}$ 46.

A Motion was made by Bro. G. Secretary, That for the

future, four of the Committee of Charity shall be a quorum to proceed to Business. Ordered, the same to lie on the table.

A Petition from Peter Webber was read praying assistance. Whereupon, On Motion and Seconded, Ordered that the G. Committee of Charity shall be summoned to meet on Wednesday next for the purpose of taking the said Petition and other Matters into their Consideration.

Bro. Benjamin Street having renewed his Application for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, and given his reasons for so doing,

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the same shall lie over till the next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee on the Seal and Certificate presented a Seal agreeably to their appointment, and the same was unanimously adopted, to be henceforth the Grand Seal of this Grand Lodge. The s^d. Committee reported also that the Plate for Certificates was in forwardness.

Bro. G^d. Secretary reported that he had received from Bro. Matthew Carey, Printer, 1000 Copies of the new Regulations, and that agreeably to the directions of the R. W. G. Master, he had forwarded four Copies to the several Lodges working under the Jurisdiction of this G. Lodge, and six to each Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the fund reported progress and were continued as all the other Committees who have not reported.

Bro. G^d. Secretary informed the Lodge he had received a Note from Bro. James Martin for £13 for the Warrant of Lodge N°. 48 and 4 Constitution Books.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past nine o'clock.

J. B. Smith, G. M.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d. Sec^y.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, June 24, 5790.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The W. Joseph Few, Senr. G. Warden, in the Chair.

Rd. Dr. Andrews, Dy. G. M., p. T.
William Delany, S. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, J. G. W., p. T.
Wm. Williams, S. G. D., p. T.
B. W. Ball, J. G. D., p. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secy.
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treasr.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 12, 19, 25 and 45 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in due form.

A Petition was read from Widow Purdon praying assistance and the same was referred to the Committee of Charity.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Lodge that he had received the Returns of No. 3, 9 and 19 and the Bye Laws of Lodges No. 9 and 25. On Motion and Seconded, the same were committed to Bro. Hamilton, Duplessis and McCree for their Examination.

Bro. G. Secy. mentioned that Bro. Benjamin Mason, the Depy. G. Secy. found it inconvenient to act in that Capacity and had sent him his resignation.

Bro. G. Secry. having mentioned that the Committee of Charity had been summoned agreeably to the resolve of the last Communication, &c., and that there were several Matters referred to them, but would not proceed to Business for want of being a sufficient number. On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the Committee of Charity shall meet this Day for the purpose of considering such things as to their duty appertain.

Lodge closed in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secy.

Philadelphia, August 16, 5790.

Grand Lodge, Extra Communication.

Present:

The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, G. M., in the Chair.

Alexander Rutherford, D. G. M., p. T.
Charles Smith, S. G. W., p. T.
James Martin, J. G. W., p. T.
John Mullowny, S. G. D., p. T.
Wm. Williams, J. G. D.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secy.
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treasr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 19, 22, 31, 41, 47 and 48 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form.

The R. W. G. Master mentioned that he had thought proper to call this Meeting on the subject of taking a more convenient place to meet in than the present one.

On Motion and Seconded, it was Unanimously Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the room over the Free Quakers' Meeting house, the Corner of Arch and Fifth Streets, shall be taken for the purposes of Masonry.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That Brothers Delany, Cockran and McCree be a Committee to carry the aforegoing resolve into Execution, and that the same Committee be authorized to confer with the Committees of the other Lodges, who have appointed or may appoint any, and in case of non Concurrence of the said Lodges or any of them, to take the same for the use of this Grand Lodge and other such Lodges who may concur with them therein.

A Deputation was read from Lodge No. 47, Port au Prince, under the Hand of the Master and Secretary and the Seal of the Sd. Lodge, appointing Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis to represent them in Grand Lodge; A Do. from No. 41 at Portsmouth, appointing the same Brother, P. Le Barbier Duplessis to represent them in Grand Lodge.

Another Deputation from Lodge No. 22 at Sunbury, appointing Bro. Joseph Few to represent them in Grand Lodge.

Lodge closed at 9 o'clock in Harmony.

J. B. Smith, G. M.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

FREE QUAKERS' MEETING HOUSE.

Place of Meeting, 1790–1799.

PHILADELPHIA, September 6, 1790.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. Master, in the Chair.

James Martin, D. G. M., p. T.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
Praise Wadman, J. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. D., p. T.
Benj. Mason, J. G. D., p. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
Rev. John Andrews, G. C.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 19, 22, 25, 31, 41, 45, 47 and 48 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the Minutes of the last Communication read.

On Motion and Seconded, several Brethren, Master Masons of several Lodges were admitted, namely: William, Earl, Dixon, Yvendorf, James Osburn and Duffey.

The Committee of Correspondence presented a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, inclosing several resolves of the said G. Lodge, and a Letter concerning Modern Masons, and the same being read,

On Motion and Seconded, the Letter concerning Modern Masons was Committed to Bro. Wadman, Humphreys and McCree, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication, and the other papers were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge that he had written to Bro. Jackson agreeably to a former resolve.

The R. W. G. Master ordered to be read a letter from Bro. Solomon Etting, Master of Lodge No. 43.

The Committee appointed to write to the several Grand Lodges, reported they had complied with their duty and were discharged.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the Application of Bro. Street shall lie over till next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Few, Bankson and McCree

were appointed a Committee to inquire and receive information about the said Application.

The Committee appointed to procure a new plate for Certificates presented the Impression of one, which was unanimously approved and adopted.

The Committee on the fund are continued as all the other Committees who are not ready to report.

The Grand Committee of Charity reported "That agreeably "to a resolve of this G. Lodge they met on the 24th Day of "June last, and considered the several Petitions from distressed "Brethren and Widows praying assistance, and having upon "Enquiry found that there was no Money in the Hands of "the Grand Treasurer were obliged to dismiss all the said Pe-"titions for the present."

The Committee appointed to take the room over the Free Quakers' Meeting, reported that the same had been taken for nine years from the 23d. Day of ——, and that the several Lodges had agreed by their Committees (excepted No. 9) to pay their respective Shares of the rent, which is Seventy-five Pounds per annum, and of the Expenses of moving and fitting up the said room; the Gd. Lodge to pay no proportion at all.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, That the Petition of Bro. Col. Wm. Dean and others, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Moreland Township, in Montgomery County, shall be granted, and the Grand Secretary is directed to make out the same, No. 49, in the names of Wm. Dean, Mr.; Wm. Bennet, Sr. Wn., and Abraham Duffield, Jr. Wn.

A Petition was read from a Number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, to be called No. 13.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the Prayer of the Petitioners shall be granted, but the said Lodge shall be called No. —, and the Gd. Secretary is directed to make out the Warrant accordingly.

Bro. Gavin, Master of Lodge No. 14, held at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, having attended agreeably to the Summons of this Grand Lodge, in Consequence of a former

resolve to answer the Complaint made by Bro. Alexander Rutherford, concerning some jewels by him lent about Twenty Years ago to Lodge N°. 14, and Whereas, after having heard the respective parties, it has appeared that the said Jewels were lent to a Lodge now extinct, and that the present Lodge N°. 14 have received no Benefit of the said Jewels, and have no property belonging to the said extinct Lodge, Resolved, That the said Present Lodge N°. 14 are not answerable for the Claim made to them by Bro. Rutherford.

A Bill was presented from Lodge N°. 3 for rent, when On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, the same be referred to the G^d. Committee of Accounts.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the future Communications of this Grand Lodge shall be held in this room.

Bro. G^d. Secretary informed the Lodge he had received from Lodge N°. 41, of Portsmouth in Virginia, the sum of five Pounds, eighteen Shillings on acc^t. of their dues and also a List of their members.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sec^y.

Philadelphia, December 6, 1790.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Members present:

The R. W. G. M. J. B. Smith, in the Chair.

R. J. Vanden Brock, D. G. M., p. T.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
Praise Wadman, J. G. W., p. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. S^y.
Gavin Hamilton, G. Tr^r.
W^m. Williams, S. G. D., p. T.
B. W. Ball, J. G. D., p. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 41, 45, 47 and 48 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the Minutes of the last Communication being read, Bro. Christie and Smith

were admitted on Motion agreeably to the Bye Laws; also Bro. Fisher, Burn and Bousselet.

Bro. G. Secretary presented a Letter from Bro. T. Bowen, Senr. G. Warden of the R. W. G. Lodge of South Carolina, which the R. W. G. Master ordered to be read. The same was directed to be filed, as well as a Letter from the Secretary of Lodge N°. 11 at London Grove; also, a Letter from Bro. Samuel Gardner, Master of Lodge 22, received by the R. W. G. Master with £9 on account of their dues which were paid in the G. Treasurer's Hands; also, a return of the Officers of Lodge N°. 44, whose Warrant was returned and renewed.

Bro. G. Secretary presented a Lottery Ticket he had received from Lodge N°. 9, viz.: N°. 14762, and another one from Lodge N°. 19, viz.: N°. 4759, both voted and presented for the use of this G. Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same were accepted, and the Thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge voted to the two Lodges.

Bro. Gardette, who had been appointed by the R. W. G. Master to visit Lodges N°. 16 and 35, presented his report which was read, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, The Committee of Correspondence were directed to write a Letter to the R. W. G. Lodge of Maryland, informing them of the Situation of this G. Lodge and also of the Proceedings of Lodge N°. 16.

A Letter was received from Bro. William White, Secretary to the R. W. G. Lodge of England, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the R. W. G. Master, Bro. D^r. W^m. Smith, M^c-Cree, Vanden Brock and Few were appointed a Committee to consider the said Letter, prepare an answer, and report at the next communication.

The Committee to whom was referred the Letter from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, made report, which, being read, On Motion and Seconded, the Consideration of the same was postponed.

The Committee on Bro. Street's Application for a Warrant from this G. Lodge presented a Letter from Bro. James Harper, Master of Lodge N°. 41, which was read, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the said Application was dismissed.

The Committee on the fund reported Progress, and were continued and requested to report at the next Quarterly Com munication so far as they can.

A Petition was read from a Number of Brethren, Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Sign of the White Horse, in East Whiteland, in the County of Chester, or at any other place within five miles of it.

On Motion and Seconded, the Prayer of the Petitioners was granted, and the G. Secretary directed to make out the Warrant in the names of Bro. John Smith, Master; John Bartholomew, Senior Warden, and John Christie, Junior Warden, No. 50.

Whereas, representation has been made by the representatives of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19, that Richard Hunt, a Master Mason, formerly of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 4, had applied to be received as a member of that Lodge, and when upon being balloted for, at his own request, and there appearing five black balls against his admission, He, the said Richard Hunt came into the Lodge, and behaved himself in a very indecent and unbecoming manner, by insulting the Dignity of this Grand Lodge by a Demeanor of that nature to a Lodge under our Jurisdiction.

Whereupon, Bro. Hunt being present, voluntarily acknowledged his error, and submitted himself to the Censure of the G. Lodge.

Resolved, That the Acknowledgment of Bro. Hunt be accepted, and he be recommended for the future to behave in a more Masonic Manner.

This being the day appointed by the Bye Laws for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Year, the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot, when the following Brethren were duly elected to their several Offices, viz.:

The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq$^{r.,}$ G. Master.
R. W. Joseph Few, D. G. Master.
R. W. Thos. Proctor, Esq$^{r.,}$ S. G. Warden.
R. W. Gavin Hamilton, J. G. Warden.
R. W. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq$^{r.,}$ Gr. Sec$^{y.}$
R. W. Benjamin Mason, G. Treas$^{r.}$

Bro. —— Burn having made a present of two Marble Pedestals to this R. W. G. Lodge,

On Motion and Seconded, Unanimously resolved, that the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to our said Brother —— Burn, and he be presented by the Grand Secretary with a Constitution Book bound in red Morocco, as a token of the regard of this R. W. G. Lodge.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Cockran, McCree, Mullowny, Crozier and Willis were appointed a Committee to examine the Gd. Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts for the Year past.

Bro. Vanden Brock, McCree, Duplessis, Mason and Carson were appointed a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Lodge closed at Eleven o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Sy.

Philadelphia, December 7th, 1790.

Special Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, Gd. Master, in the Chair.

R. J. Vanden Brock, D. G. M., p. T.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
James Martin, J. G. W.
Jno. Mullowny, S. G. D.
B. W. Ball, J. G. D.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form. The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the purpose of this Meeting was to instal the Officers of Lodge No. 50, to whom a Warrant was granted at the last Quarterly Communication, and all the Brethren who had not passed the Chair having been requested to withdraw, the R. W. Grand Master appointed Bro. Vanden Brock and Few to examine Bro. John Smith, mentioned in the Warrant, the Master of the said Lodge No. 50, who reported that upon due examination they

had found the said Bro. Smith possessed of all Skill, Ability, and other requisite qualities to preside over a Lodge, and introduced him as such; Whereupon, the R. W. G. Master installed the said Bro. John Smith, Master of said Lodge No. 50, according to ancient forms; and he was proclaimed as such, and the said Lodge duly constituted, when the new installed Master, in behalf of the Brethren of his Lodge, returned thanks for the Honour conferred on them.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 7 o'clock.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, December 27th, 1790.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. Master.

Geo. Ord, D. G. M.
Jos. Few, S. G. W.
Jos. Dean, J. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treasr.
John McCree, S. G. D.
William Williams, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 41, 43, 45, 47 and 50 represented.

Previous to the opening of the Gd. Lodge, Bro. R. J. Vanden Brock delivered an Oration suitable to the Grand Occasion, after which, by and with the Consent of the R. W. Grand Master, he opened a Master Mason's Lodge with the usual Ceremonies, and the Minutes of the last Grand Communication being read as to the Election of Grand Officers, said Brother Vanden Brock addressed the R. W. G. Master, invested him with the Badge of his Office, and introduced him to the Chair, and the Grand Secretary, according to ancient form, thrice proclaimed the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, Grand Master of Masons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction there-

unto belonging, when the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to direct Bro. Vanden Brock to install the Grand Officers, and the R. W. Joseph Few was duly installed Deputy Grand Master; Thomas Proctor, Esq$^{r.}$, Senior Grand Warden; Gavin Hamilton, Junior Grand Warden; Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq$^{r.}$, Grand Secretary, and Benjamin Mason, Grand Treasurer, and Brother Grand Secretary having proposed Bro. Andrew G. Fraunces to be his deputy, he was unanimously approved of.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. John McCree, S. G. Deacon; W$^{m.}$ Williams, J. G. Deacon; R. J. Vanden Brock and John Carson, Masters of Ceremonies; R$^{d.}$ D$^{r.}$ Andrews, Gr$^{d.}$ Chaplain; Brother Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant, and Frederick Miller, Grand Tyler.

On Motion and Seconded, the appointment of a Bro. Grand Orator was postponed.

A Deputation was read from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 43, in Lancaster, appointing Bro. Lewis Farmer their representative in Grand Lodge, and he was accordingly admitted as such, when he delivered a Letter from Bro. Solomon Etting, the Master of said Lodge inclosing £10. 15. 4 for their dues to S$^{t.}$ John last, which Letter was read and the Money paid into the Grand Treasurer's hands.

Another Letter was read from Bro. Etting, directed to the R. W. Grd. Master, praying a Dispensation to pass several Brethren to the Chair, which was referred to the R. W. G. Master.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the Bills of Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler shall be paid by Bro. Treasurer.

Bro. G$^{d.}$ Secretary informed the Lodge he had received the returns of the new Officers of Lodges N$^{o.}$ 2, 3, 9 and 19; also, the return of the Members of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 2.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Bro. Carey's Bill for printing the New Regulations amounting to £4 shall be paid by Bro. G$^{d.}$ Treasurer.

Bro. G$^{d.}$ Secretary mentioned that he had received from Bro. John Smith, Master of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 50, £12 for their Warrant which he had paid to Bro. G$^{d.}$ Treasurer, who also acknowl-

edged to have received from Lodge N°. 19, £23. 10 in full of their dues, Warrant, &c., to the present day.

Brother Service, who had been deputized by the R. W. G. Master to visit Lodge N°. 12, held at Winchester, in Virginia, reported that he had complied with his appointment, and found the Brethren in the greatest Harmony and Union, that the said Lodge consists of eighteen very respectable Members, and he presented a Copy of their minutes of November 8 last, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that Bro. Grand Secretary had presented this Grand Lodge with two Lights and a Hanger, which was used at the taking of the Bastile in France; Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same were accepted, and the thanks of the G. Lodge given to said Brother.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past one o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.

Philadelphia, March 7, 1791.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. Master, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, D. G. M.
R. J. Vanden Brock, S. G. W., p. T.
Wm. Williams, J. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. D.
John Mullowny, J. G. D., p. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
R. D. John Andrews, G. Chaplain.
Ben. Mason, G. Treasr.
A. G. Fraunces, D. G. Secry.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 11, 14, 19, 22, 25, 41, 45, 47 and 50 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form and the Minutes of the last Communication and St. John's day being read.

A Petition was read from Wm. Southerine praying assistance. On Motion and Seconded, the same was unanimously dismissed.

A Letter was read from the Officers of Lodge No. 14, held at Wilmington, praying assistance for Bro. John Quain which was referred to the G. Committee of Charity.

The R. W. G. M. informed the Brethren he had received a Letter inclosing sundry Communications and papers from the R. W. G. Lodge of Virginia, which were read and referred to the G. Committee of Correspondence.

Bro. Woodhouse's account was referred to the G. Committee of Accounts.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Accounts of Bro. Grand Secretary and Treasurer reported a Balance of four Shillings, and five Pence, half Penny due to Bro. Gd. Secretary and that Bro. Grand Treasurer had received no Money for the year 1790, and the said report was ordered to be filed.

On Motion and Seconded, all the Committees who have not reported are continued.

A return of the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 11, nine in number, was received and ordered to be filed. Bro. Richard McGuffin, Master of the said Lodge, presented their ancient Warrant, and prayed the same might be renewed, which was granted.

Bro. Mason called for the reading of the report of the Committee on the Letter from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey concerning Modern Masons, and the same having been read, On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the said report lie on the table, and that the G. Committee on Correspondence be directed to write to the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, informing them of the wish of this R. W. G. Lodge to see Modern and Ancient Masons united, but that they are of Opinion that the same should be submitted to a Grand Convention, which it is hoped will soon take place.

The Proceedings of the G. Committee of Charity on the 15th Day of January last, were read and approved, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, January 15, 1791.

Grand Committee of Charity.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

Thos. Proctor, S. G. W.
Benjamin Mason, G. Tr^er.
John Carson, M^r. N°. 3.
W^m. Williams, M^r. N°. 9.
Jacob Bankson, M^r. N°. 2.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secr^y.

The Committee being informed of the decease of our late Brother Alexander Rutherford, On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro. Proctor, Hamilton, Williams, Crozier and Bankson, or any three of them, be a Committee to make such arrangements as they may deem proper, to have the Body of our said late Bro. Rutherford buried in a decent Manner, and that the expenses thereof shall be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

A Petition was read from Bro. Peter Ball, a late Member of Lodges No. 212, held in New York, and No. 11, in the City of Albany, praying assistance, the same being duly considered and some information received concerning said Peter Ball, On Motion and Seconded, the said Petition was dismissed, and his papers and Certificates were delivered to Bro. G^d. Treasurer, who is to return them.

Another Petition was read from Bro. Robert Cowan, a late member of Lodge No. 543, praying also assistance; the same being duly considered, On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, provided the said Robert Cowan is within the Notice of this Committee, and Bro. Carson and Williams were appointed a Committee to make the necessary inquiry and to afford him assistance as they may deem proper.

On Motion and Seconded, the applications of Widow Bell, M^rs. Fullerton and Widow Boyle were referred to Bro. G. Secretary and W^m. Williams, N°. 9, who are authorized to afford them some assistance.

By order of the Committee.

(Signed,) P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Secry.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock and Bro. Brown's Bill for advertisements was ordered to be paid.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.

Philadelphia, April 11th, 1791.

Special Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. Smith, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, Dy. G. M.
G. Hamilton, S. G. W., p. T.
B. W. Ball, J. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. D.
Wm. Williams, J. G. D.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy.
Ben Mason, G. Treasr.
Walter Corry, G. Pursr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 22, 41, 45, 47 and 50 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample form.

The Committees of the several Lodges presented a Statement, accompanied with the proper vouchers, of the Expenses attending the moving and fitting up the present Lodge Room, amounting together to £65. 11. 10, which, divided between the Lodges No. 2, 3, 9, 19, and the Royal Arch Lodge, makes thirty-five dollars for each, and requested that this R. W. G. Lodge would please to recommend to the aforesaid Lodges to make an immediate payment of their several proportions. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that it be recommended to the before-mentioned Lodges to comply with the request of the Committee in paying their proportions into the Hands of Bro. Jos. Few, who is directed to receive and apply the same to the payment of the several Bills.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro. Few and Col. William Williams be directed and hereby impowered to call upon Bro. James Pickering, formerly a member of Lodge No. 4, vacated, and demand from him a large Masonic Bowl,

late the property of Lodge N°. 4, but by the extinction of that Body, is now vested in this G. Lodge, and in case of refusal they are requested to make report at the next Communication.

A Petition was presented from a number of Master Masons, duly recommended agreeably to the new regulations, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia. On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and the Secretary is directed to make out the Warrant N°. 51, in the names of Richard Wistar, Master; Robert Crozier, Senior Warden, and George Westcot, Junior Warden.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.

Philadelphia, June 6th, 1791.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master Jonathan Bayard Smith, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, Dy. G. M.
Praise Wadman, S. G. W., p. T.
R. J. Vanden Brock, J. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. D.
Wm. Williams, J. G. D.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
R. Dr. Andrews, G. Chaplain.
Walter Corry, Gd. Tyler.
Benj. Mason, G. Trer.
A. G. Fraunces, D. G. Sy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 41, 45, 46, 47 and 50 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form, and the Minutes of the last Communication and Special Lodge being read, Bro. Grand Secretary, the representative of Lodge N°. 47, held at Port au Prince, informed the R. W. G. Lodge that

by a Letter bearing date May 15 last, from the said Lodge, he was directed to present the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania with several Papers written in the French Language, such as Extracts from their Minutes and Resolves, Letters, Blanks of their Certificates as well for actual as Honorary Members, a list of their Officers and Members printed on white Satin, &c., and presented the same accordingly, when, On Motion and Seconded, the same were referred to Bro. Vanden Brock and McCree, who are to examine them and report thereon.

A Communication was read from Lodge No. 9 informing of the Expulsion of J—— W—— and Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to inform the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the same.

A Petition was read from Alexander Dows praying assistance and the same was referred to the G. Committee of Charity.

A Letter was read from Lodge No. 22, inclosing £3. 18. 4 and their Bye Laws; the Cash was paid into the hands of Bro. Gd. Treasurer and the papers committed to Bro. Williams, Whitehead and Wadman.

Bro. Smith, Master of Lodge No. 50, presented a Copy of their Proceedings and Bye Laws which were referred to the above Committee. He also paid seventeen Shillings for a Quarter of Dues and an Initiation, into the Hands of Bro. G. Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that the Commee of Charity had procured for Bro. Quain a Place in the Hospital, where he was treated for the Disease which afflicted him.

The Committee appointed to superintend Bro. Rutherford's funeral reported they had complied with their appointment and drawn on Bro. Gd. Treasurer for the sum of £8. 12. 6, for the Coffin and other Expenses.

The Committee appointed to call on Bro. James Pickering for the Masonic Bowl belonging to the late Lodge No. 4, reported that they had called on him and he refused to comply with their request, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded,

Resolved, That said Bro. James Pickering be excluded from

every Masonic Communication until he returns the said Bowl, and Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to furnish Bro. Few with a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution, who is to deliver the same to Bro. James Pickering.

A Deputation was read from Lodge N°. 50, under the Hand of the W^l. Master and the Seal of the Lodge and countersigned by the Secretary, appointing Bro. Jos. Few to represent them in this G. Lodge.

Bro. Grand Treasurer informed the Lodge he had received Six Dollars and 80 cents for the Lottery ticket presented by Lodge N°. 9, to wit, N°. 14762, and that N°s. 4759, presented by Lodge N°. 19, and N°. 7230, presented by Lodge N°. 3, were drawn Blank.

The Committee appointed to consider and prepare an Answer to the Letter from Bro. Grand Secretary of England, presented an answer which was read and approved, and the same Committee were requested to procure a fair Copy of it, that it may be signed by the Grand Secretary and forwarded.

All the Committees who had not reported were continued and requested to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion and Seconded, Brother Grand Treas. is authorized to purchase one or two Tickets in Massachusetts Semi Annual Lottery for the use of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had before him a Complaint, in the French language, from Peter Le Gaux, containing several Charges against Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Secretary to this Grand Lodge, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Bro. Vanden Brock, Mason, Humphreys, Fox and Ball, or any three of them, were appointed a Committee to consider the said Complaint, investigate the facts set forth therein, and report as soon as possible. The said Complaint, together with a Translation in English, were at the request of Bro. Duplessis delivered to Bro. Vanden Brock.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

AND^w. G. FRAUNCES,
D^y. Grand Secretary.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, June 24th, 1791.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. Smith, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, Dy. G. M.
Thos. Proctor, S. G. W.
Assheton Humphreys, J. G. W., p. T.
Wm. Williams, S. G. D., p. T.
Thos. Town, J. G. D., P. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Sy.
Benj. Mason, G. Trr.
A. G. Fraunces, D. G. Sy.
Wm. Corry, G. Pt.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 15, 19, 25, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47 and 50 represented.

A Master Mason's Lodge opened in due form and the Minutes of the last Grand Communication being read, The Committee appointed at the last Grand Communication to consider the several Charges in Peter Le Gaux's Complaint against Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Secretary to this Grand Lodge, made report, which was read as followeth, (to wit):

"We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to ex-
"amine into sundry Charges exhibited by Peter Le Gaux to
"the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, against Peter Le
"Barbier Duplessis, Secretary of the said R. W. Grand Lodge,
"do report, That in pursuance of the said Appointment We
"have examined the Proofs of the said Peter Le Gaux in Sup-
"port of the said Charges, also the Proofs exhibited by the
"said Peter Le Barbier Duplessis in his Defence against the
"same, and it appearing from the Declarations of the said
"Peter Le Gaux upon his cross Examination that these
"Charges were exhibited by him against the said Peter Le
"Barbier Duplessis for the express Purpose of injuring his
"reputation with the Grand Lodge, and destroying the Credi-
"bility of the said Peter Le Barbier Duplessis as a Witness in
"a Cause depending between Samuel Merian and him, the
"said Peter Le Gaux, We cannot but remark that after such
"a Declaration, even if the Charges were well supported, it

"would be improper in the Grand Lodge to pass any Censure "tending to destroy the Credibility of a Witness in a Court "of Justice, But on the Contrary, from the Examination we "have had upon this Disagreeable business, we feel ourselves "happy in declaring that none of the Charges have been sup-"ported by any Credible Testimony, and giving it as our "Opinion to your R. W. Grand Lodge, That these Charges "ought to be dismissed as Scandalous and Malicious, being "meant and intended, not for the Benefit of Masonry, but for "the express purpose of answering base and sinister purposes, "and should therefore by Order of the R. W. Grand Lodge be "erased from their Minutes."

Philad^a., June 14th, 1791. R. J. VANDEN BROCK,
ASSHETON HUMPHREYS, EDWARD FOX,
B. W. BALL. BEN MASON.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the said report was unanimously adopted, and ordered, that Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis shall be furnished by Bro. Deputy G^d. Secretary with a Copy of the same and of this resolve to make such use of them as he may see fit, and that a like Copy be also furnished to Peter Le Gaux, if required.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the G^d. Committee of Correspondence write a Letter of Condolence to Lodge N°. 47, on the Death of our late worthy Brother Augustin Riquet, their late Past Master and founder.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that the Masters, Wardens, and last Past Masters of all Lodges held in this City be a Committee to inquire into the State of Masonry in Pennsylvania, and to report as soon as possible.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Le Barbier Duplessis, Hamilton, Town, Fox and Cochran, were appointed a Committee to assist Bro. G^d. Treasurer in ascertaining what property belongs to this R. W. G^d. Lodge, and where it is, and to report at the next Grand Communication if possible.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 2 o'clock, P. M.

AND^W. G FRAUNCES,
D^y Grand Sec^y.

PHILADELPHIA, September 5th, 5791.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, Dy. G. M.
Gavin Hamilton, S. G. W., p. T.
Wm. McIlvaine, J. G. W., p. T.
Eggers, S. G. D., P. T.
John Poor, J. G. D., P. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy.
Ben Mason, G. Tr.
A. G. Fraunces, D. G. Sy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 22, 25, 41, 45, 46, 47 and 50 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form, and the Minutes of the last Grand Communication and St. John's Day being read.

A Letter was read from the Secretary to the R. W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia informing of the misbehavior of a certain Bro. H—— D——, who was excluded the Lodge No. 155,

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Bro. G. Secretary shall inform all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this R. W. G Lodge of the Contents of the said Letter.

A Communication was read from the Secretary of Lodge No. 9, informing of the rejection of J—— M——, who had made application to be initiated, and Bro. Grand Secretary was ordered to communicate the same to all Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

Bro. Grand Secretary mentioned that he had received the returns of Lodge No. 25, and also Eight Pounds, five Shillings for their Dues to St. John's Day last, which were paid into the hands of Bro. Gd. Treasurer.

A memorial was read from several Members of Lodge No. 19, praying, for the reasons therein mentioned, this R. W. G. Lodge would inquire into the Causes of Differences lately arisen in that Lodge.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Bro. Carson, Fox, McCree, Williams, Humphreys, Wadman and McIlvaine were appointed a Committee to inquire into those Difficulties and

report as soon as possible; and the same Committee were authorized to request the Master of Lodge N°. 19 to call the said Lodge together at such time as they may appoint.

A Petition was read from Bro. Abram Forst, praying assistance, and the same was referred to the Grand Committee of Charity.

Bro. Few reported he had delivered to Bro. James Pickering a Copy of the resolve passed at the last quarterly Communication, and requested the return of the Masonic Bowl, which he still refused. Ordered, That Bro. Grand Secretary transmit to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction a Copy of the aforementioned Resolve.

On Motion and Seconded, the Committee appointed on St. John's day to inquire into the State of Masonry, &c., were discharged, and their Duties, Power, and authorities vested in the Committee appointed this Day on the Memorial of the Members of Lodge N°. 19.

Bro. Gd. Secretary, the representative of Lodge N°. 47, informed the Lodge that he had received several Papers of the greatest Importance from the said Lodge, and desired a special Committee should be appointed to consider them.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the Committee heretofore appointed to consider some Communications from said Lodge were discharged, and all Papers relative to them were referred to Bro. Mason and McCree.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Ball, Poor and Crozier were appointed a Committee to examine the present Bro. Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Poor and Ball were appointed a Committee to join the Committees of the other Lodges to see that this room is kept in good order.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Oswald's Bill was referred to the Grand Committee of Accounts.

Bro. Gd. Secretary was directed to inform all Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the Expulsion of J—— D—— from Lodge N°. 25.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.

PHILADELPHIA, October 13th, 5791.

Grand Lodge, Extra Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. SMITH, in the Chair.

Jos. Few, D. G. M.
Assheton Humphreys, S. G. W., P. T.
Nicholas Cochran, J. G. W., P. T.
John McCree, S. G. D.
Wm. Williams, J. G. D.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
Ben. Mason, Gd. Treasr.
Dr. Andrews, Gd. Chn.
Walter Corry, Gd. Purst.
A. G. Fraunces, D. Gd. Sy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 41, 45, 46, 47 and 50 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample form.

The R. W. Grand Master mentioned the immediate purpose of his calling this R. W. Grand Lodge was to receive the report of the Committee to whom was referred the several Communications and papers from Lodge No. 47 the Union of Franco-American Hearts, held at Port au Prince and to take order thereon, and the said Committee reported as follows:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand "Master, Officers and Members of the Right Worshipful "Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania in Communica- "tion met."

"The Committee to whom was referred the several Com- "munications from Lodge No. 47, held at Port au Prince, in "the Island of Hispaniola under the name of the Union of "French and American Hearts,"

"Beg leave to report"

"That in Pursuance of their appointment they have exam- "ined the said Communications, and are happy to find that "the Brethren of the said Lodge have so eminently shown "their Zeal for the Royal Art, and manifested their readiness "to perform the Duties which are dictated by our Honorable "Institution, Especially by giving assistance to Brethren in

"Distress, faithfully complying with every Ancient Rule and "Regulation known to them, and soliciting further Instruc- "tions from your R. W. G. Lodge; and also by adopting such "regulations as were necessary for their internal Government."

"Your Committee observe with regret that information is "given of the Death of the first Master and founder of Lodge "No. 47, Bro. P. Augustine Riquet du Belloy, whose Masonic "abilities had endeared him to the Brethren of his Lodge, and "whose unremitted Exertions for the advancement, Honour, "and respectability of Masonry created that desire to pay a "joint Tribute to his Memory among his Brethren that the "Praiseworthy and the Meritorious so justly claim. The "Communications referred to your Committee further men- "tion, That the unsettled State of the Political Affairs of the "Island of Hispaniola, and the unhappy Divisions which have "in consequence so generally prevailed in that Government, "they have not disturbed or prevented the Continuance of "their Masonic Meetings, nor obstructed the Business of the "Craft; That, through their representative, Bro. Duplessis, "your Grand Secretary, they have presented a List of their "Members, printed on white Satin; That they propose to for- "ward the sum due for their Warrant, &c., as soon as a safe "opportunity presents; That part of the said Monies were "paid about twenty months ago to Brother La Plase, one of "the Deputies from your R. W. Grand Lodge who was to have "sent or brought the same; That they profess the greatest "Submission and Obedience to all Orders and Communica- "tions from your R. W. G. Lodge, and express a Desire of "having frequent Information on such Heads as will be bene- "ficial to them, or at least serve to prove that they are not "unworthy of your Fellowship and Brotherly Esteeem."

"Your Committee had before them the Memorial respecting "Bro. La Fosse and Biraud, together with the several papers "therein mentioned, but as no papers are received from either "Bro. La Fosse or Bro. Biraud, your Committee cannot give "any opinion on the Subject; they therefore hope that a "reconciliation has taken place, and everything has been "settled in a Brotherly and Masonic Manner."

"Your Committee therefore proposes to offer the follow-
"ing:"

"Resolved, That the R. W. G. Lodge do approve of the
"Proceedings of Lodge N°. 47 to the 24th of June last, when
"some differences happened. That they join in Sympathy
"with the Brethren of the said Lodge in the death of their
"late worthy Brother Peter A. Riquet du Belloy, their
"founder, and their first Master, and that they approve of the
"manner used in paying that Honour to his Memory which
"his Lodge conceived expedient and necessary."

"Resolved, that this R. W. G. Lodge do cordially accept
"the return made and the Communications received, and that
"the Thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to them for
"their Masonic attention and regard to this R. W. G. Lodge,
"and that this G. Lodge will at all times feel a pleasure in
"Corresponding with Lodge N°. 47, in assisting their Members
"in the laudable Pursuit of Masonic Knowledge, and will
"with Cheerfulness confer on them such favors as are consist-
"ent with the Ancient Usages and Regulations of our Insti-
"tution."

"Resolved, That Bro. Grand Secretary, the Representative
"of Lodge N°. 47, be directed to transmit our said Brethren in
"Port au Prince, agreeably to their request, such Information
"concerning the Duties of and the manner of Proceeding in
"Lodges under this Jurisdiction as can with consistency be
"committed to writing; That the R. W. G. Master be directed
"to issue a Dispensation to the Brethren of Lodge N°. 47
"authorizing them to continue their Meetings and workings
"as heretefore until the R. W. G. Lodge shall have determined
"on the Difficulties between the said Lodge and Bro. La Fosse
"and Biraud, in case the same is not otherwise settled, and
"that Information shall be given by the representative of
"Lodge N°. 47, to Bro. La Fosse and Biraud of the Memorial
"and papers respecting them, requesting that they will give
"their answer, and furnish such Documents and Vouchers (if
"any they have) that may be useful in their Justification, and
"that the Secretary of Lodge N°. 47 be directed to furnish the
"said Brethren with a Certified Copy of this Resolution."

"Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be "given to the representative of Lodge N°. 47, Bro. Peter Le "Barbier Duplessis, for his Attention in receiving and deliver- "ing these Communications, as well as for his zeal in the Ser- "vice of the Craft in general."

Signed, BEN. MASON,
J. McCREE.

PHILADELPHIA, 13th October, 1791.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded, that the said report should be accepted, and the said resolves agreed to, which was Unanimously and generally adopted.

A Petition was presented and read from several Brethren, Master Masons, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this City, under the name of Harmony Lodge, N°. 52, in the names of Brothers William Williams, Master; Andrew G. Fraunces, Senior Warden, and George Goddard, Junior Warden. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Unanimously Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to make out the same accordingly.

Bro. Grand Treasurer reported that agreeably to a former Resolve that he had purchased two Tickets in the Massachusetts Semi annual Lottery, to wit, Nos. 10,551 and 10,555.

Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis having then laid before the Grand Lodge a Memorial, in which he complains that Lodge N°. 19, of which he is a Member, had on the 29th Day of September last passed an unjust censure upon his conduct, in the following words, viz.: "On Motion and Seconded, the "Question was put by the Chair. Whereas, The Master on "the Evening of the 24th of August last did request the "Lodge, and charged the same not to mention without the "walls anything respecting what was said in the Lodge, and "Bro. Duplessis notwithstanding having acknowledged to "have done it. If Bro. Duplessis was justifiable in doing so "the same was negatived, he being not justifiable in doing so. "The Motion of the 24th August last was taken up, to wit. "Moved and Seconded, That an Intimation be made to Bro. "Duplessis That it is the opinion of the Brethren that his "Continuance in this Lodge has disturbed the Harmony

"thereof, and is likely to do so, and that therefore he be in-
"formed it is the wish of the Lodge that he withdraw himself
"from it. On Motion and Seconded, the same was carried in
"the affirmative, and Bro. Secretary was directed to send a
"certified Copy of this Resolve to Bro. Duplessis as soon as
"possible."

And the Grand Lodge having patiently heard and maturely considered the proofs and allegation of the parties,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the foregoing Determination of Lodge No. 19 is highly improper, and that the Worshipful Master of the said Lodge be and he is hereby directed to have it expunged from their Minutes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to Lodge No. 19 also to expunge their Minute of the 29th September last, which contains a wish that Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis would withdraw himself from the said Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary do furnish Lodge No. 19 with an authenticated Copy of these Resolutions.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock, and adjourned to meet to-morrow evening, Six o'clock.

ANDW. G. FRAUNCES,
Dy. Gd. Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, October 14th, 1791.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. Wl. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Gd. Master, in the Chair.

Assheton Humphreys, D. G. Mr., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. W., p. T.
Thos. Wilkins, J. G. W., p. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secy.
A. G. Fraunces, D. G. Sy.
Ben. Mason, G. Treasr.
Seth Willis, S. G. D., p. T.
B. W. Ball, J. G. D., p. T.
Walter Corry, Gd. Purst.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. Grand Master mentioned that a number of Brethren having applied for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this City of Philadelphia, under the distinct Title of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, the R. W. G. Lodge at their last Communication were pleased to grant the prayer, and a Warrant was made out accordingly in the names of Bro. William Williams, Master; Andrew G. Fraunces, Senior Warden, and George Goddard, Junior Warden; and that the purpose of this Meeting was to proceed to the Installation of the said officers, which was done agreeably to Ancient form and usages; and Bro. Grand Secretary by the Rt. Wl. Gd. Master's order, declared and proclaimed the said Lodge duly constituted Harmony Lodge, No. 52, to be held in the City of Philadelphia, &c.

The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the said new Lodge returned thanks for the favor conferred on them. The Rt. Wl. Gd. Master ordered Brother Grand Secretary to register the new Lodge in the Grand Lodge Books, and to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this Jurisdiction.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the Rt. Wl. Gd. Officers be requested to forward by Bro. Eleazar Oswald such Communications as they may think proper to the Rt. Wl. Gd. Lodge of Ancient Masons of England.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

Philadelphia, December 5, 1791.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. D. G. Master Joseph Few, in the Chair.

Thos. Procter, D. G. M., p. T.
Vanden Brock, S. G. W., p. T.
Wm. Williams, S. G. W., p. T.
John McCree, S. G. D.
John Mullowny, J. G. D., p. T.

Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d^. Secry.
Ben. Mason, G^d^. Treas^r^.
R^d^. D^r^. Andrews, G. Chap^n^.
Walter Corry, G^d^. Purs^t^.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 41, 46, 47, 50 and 52 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in due form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, and of the 13th and 14th of October being read, The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of Bro. G^d^. Secretary and G^d^. Treasurer reports as follows, to wit: "That after due Examination of the "account of Bro. Grand Secretary they find that Bro. G^d^. Sec-"retary had in his hands the sum of thirty six Shillings and "Eight Pence half a penny, which he paid to them and were "by them paid into the hands of Bro. G^d^. Treasurer. They "also find that there are due to the G^d^. Lodge for Warrants, "Dispensations and Certificates Thirty four Pounds, two Shill-"ings and six Pence;" also, "That they have diligently in-"vestigated the accounts of Bro. Grand Treasurer and find a "Balance due him (Bro. Mason) of one Pound, ten Shillings "and half a Penny." Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the said reports were severally received, ordered to be filed and entered on the Minutes and the Committee were discharged.

Brother G^d^. Secretary informed the Lodge that agreeably to the Directions given him, he had sent to the W^l^. Master of Lodge N°. 19, a Copy of the proceedings of this R^t^. W^l^. G^d^. Lodge of the 13th of October last; also, that he had forwarded to Lodge N°. 47, a Copy of the report of the Committee to whom were referred the several Communications from the said Lodge, with a Copy of the resolves passed thereon, and a dispensation from the R^t^. W^l^. G^d^. Master to continue their works and such Instructions as could be committed to writing, and that he had received several other papers from them, such as Copies of their Transactions, &c.

A Letter was read from the American Union Lodge, No. 1, held at Marietta, enclosing a Copy of their Warrant and their Bye-Laws; Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Bro. Vanden

Brock, McCree, Mason, Proctor and Williams were appointed a Committee to consider the said Papers, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

This being the Day appointed by the Bye Laws for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot, when the following Brethren were duly re-elected to the several offices, viz.:

Rt. Wl. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., Grand Master.
Rt. Wl. Joseph Few, Dy. Gd. Master.
Rt. Wl. Thomas Proctor, Esqr., S. Gd. Warden.
Rt. Wl. Gavin Hamilton, Jr. Gd. Warden.
Rt. Wl. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., Gd. Secretary.
Rt. Wl. Benjamin Mason, Gd. Treasr.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, and can be elected to any office in the same, though not an actual Member of any Lodge under their Jurisdiction.

A Petition was read from Joseph Gardner a distressed Brother praying assistance. On Motion and Seconded, the same was referred to the Grand Committee of Charity.

The Rt. Wl. Grand Master presented a return of the Members of Lodge No. 44, held at Duck Creek Cross Road, Kent County, in the State of Delaware. On Motion and seconded the same was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes as follows, viz.:

"For the Inspection of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; "A return of the Members who wrought under the former, "and now work under the present Warrant of Lodge No. 44 "held at Duck Creek Cross Roads, Kent County, (Delaware "State)."

The present and working members.

Charles Pope.	Ebenezer Cloak.	Jacob Stout, Junr.
William Jordan, Treasr.	John Clark.	Robert Johnson, S. W., Jany. 6, 1791.
Alexr. Worknot, J. D.	Robert Smith.	Jacob Pennington, S.D. Jany. 6, 1791.
John Starling.	Thomas Dixon.	Richard Miller. March 3, 1791.
Charles Carson, Mr.	Robt. Kernohan.	
William Reese.	David Carty, Sr.	
William Daily, J. W.	William Wartenby.	

Those who have obtained Certificates.

James Berry. William Pope. James Welsh. Samuel Crosby.

DECEASED.

Isaac Carty. James Steel. John Brooks.
George Harris. John Jack.

EXPELLED.

D—— C——, March 3d, 1791, S—— F——, June 2d, 1791, E—— B——, March 3d, 1791, J—— H——, March 3d, 1791.

I do hereby Certify that the above is a just return agreeably to our Resolution of the 1st. September. By order of the Master and Members present.

(Signed) DAVID CARTY, Secy.

And the Gd. Secretary was directed to give Notice to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the Members expelled.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved. that Bro. Ben Mason be requested to recover payment of a Bond given by Bro. James Johnson to Emanuel Rouse and William Shute on the 14th Day of March, Anno Domini 1764, agreeably to the Tenor of the said Bond, leaving to the said Bro. Mason, the settling of the Business in such manner as he may judge the most advantageous to the Interest of this Rt. Wl. Gd. Lodge.

The Rt. Wl. Gd. Master informed the Lodge that the Lots of Ground of which Bro. Dean had made a present to this Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge, was lately obtained without any Condition, for the sum of £4. 5. 0.

A Motion was made and seconded, that the aforesaid Lots should be sold and the Money employed in the purchase of some Public Stock, the Interest whereof shall be applied to the fund of Charity. On Motion and Seconded, the Consideration thereof was postponed till the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. J. B. Smith, Fox, McCree, Rd. Dr. Smith and Few were appointed a Committee to consider whether it would be proper and practicable for this Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge to apply for an Act of Incorporation, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

Lodge closed at 10 o'clock in Harmony.

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Gd. Secry.

PHILADELPHIA, December 17th, 1791.

Grand Lodge, Extra Communication.

Present:

The Rt. Wl. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Grand Master.

Joseph Few, Dy. G. Mr.
Gavin Hamilton, S. G. W., p. T.
William Williams, J. G. W., p. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.
Thos. Wilkins, Sr. G. D., p. T.
Thos. Town, J. G. D., p. T.
Ben Mason, Gd. Treasr.
Thos. Proctor, S. G. W.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the Rt. Wl. Grand Master informed the Brethren That a Number of Master Masons having applied for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, No. 51, the Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge, were on the Eleventh Day of April last, pleased to grant their prayer, and a Warrant was made out accordingly in the names of Bro. Richard Wistar, Master; Robert Crozier, Sr. Warden, and George Westcott, Jr. Warden.

That the purpose of opening this Grand Lodge was to proceed to the Installation of the said Officers, which was done agreeably to ancient form and usages, except the Jr. Warden, who was prevented from attending by business, and Brother Grand Secretary, by the Rt. Wl. Gd. Master's orders, declared and proclaimed the said new Lodge duly constituted, No. 51, to be held in the City of Philadelphia.

The Wl. Master and Brethren of the said Lodge returned thanks for the favour conferred on them, and the Rt. Wl. Grand Master ordered Brother Gd. Secretary to register the new Lodge in the Grand Lodge's Books, and to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this Jurisdiction.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 8 o'clock.

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Gd. Secry.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, December 27th, 1791.

Grand Lodge.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Grand Communication were read as far as concerns the Election of Grand Officers.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Lodge he had received the returns of Officers and Members of Lodges No. 9, 50 and 51, which was read and ordered to be filed. Bro. John Smith paid to Bro. Grand Treasurer thirty-six Shillings for dues of Lodge No. 50 to this Day.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That no visitor shall be admitted after the Grand Lodge shall have been opened.

The Rt. Wl. G. Master, Dy. G. Master, G. Wardens, G. Secretary and G. Treasurer, respectively declared they accepted the Offices to which they were severally re-elected at the last Gd. Communication, and the R. W. Grand Master was accordingly proclaimed, and the other G. Officers recognized according to ancient forms and usages.

On Motion and Seconded, the appointment of the Gd. Committee of Correspondence was postponed till next Quarterly Communication.

The Revd. Brother Dr. William Smith, addressed the Brethren in an oration suitable to the Grand Day, and the Thanks of the Lodge were given to our said Bro. William Smith for the same.

Bro. Gd. Secretary paid into the Hands of Bro. Gd. Treasurer £20, which he had received from Harmony Lodge No. 52, as mentioned in his account settled at the last Quarterly Gd. Communication.

The proceedings of the Grand Committee of Charity of the 17th Instant were read as follows, (to wit:)

Philadelphia, Decr 17, 1791.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Charity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, Grand Master.

R. W. Jos. Few, Dy. G. Master.

Thos. Proctor, S. G. W.
Gavin Hamilton, J. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
Benjamin Mason, G. Treasr.
Thos. Wilkins, Master of Lodge No. 9.
Richard Wistar, Do of No. 51.
William Williams, Do of Harmony Lodge, No. 52.

The Committee considering the number of Applications made by distressed Brethren, Widows and Orphans for assistance, and the impossibility of relieving them without taking some Means to raise a Sum of Money for that purpose,

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, Unanimously, That there shall be a general Grand Communication and feast held on St. John's Day next, and Bros. Proctor, Few, Hamilton, Mason, Mullowny and Willis be appointed Stewards of the same, and authorized to prepare a number of Tickets which shall be signed by Bro. Gd. Treasurer, and delivered to every regular Mason applying for the same, until Saturday Evening preceding the said St. John's Day, at the rate of two Dollars for each ticket; and that out of the amount of such ticket there shall be a sum not exceeding seven Shillings and six Pence applied to defray the Expenses of the feast, and remainder paid into the Hands of Bro. Gd. Treasurer, to be disposed of by the Grand Committee of Charity; and the said Stewards are also authorized to do everything they may deem proper to carry the purposes of the foregoing Resolution into effect.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that this Grand Lodge shall meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Oeller's Hotel, where a Dinner has been provided to celebrate the feast, and that every Brother shall appear clothed. The same were approved.

On Motion and Seconded, the Revd. Bro. Dr. Smith and the R. W. Grand Officers, were appointed a Committee to prepare an address to our Illustrious Bro. George Washington, President of the United States; and this Lodge was adjourned to the second Day of January next to receive the report of said Committee.

Lodge closed at 1 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis.

PHILADELPHIA, January 2d, 1792.

Grand Lodge, By Adjournment.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of St. John's Day being read as far as relates to the appointment of a Committee to prepare an Address to our illustrious Bro. George Washington, The Revd. Bro. Dr. Wm. Smith, one of the said Committee, presented the Draft of one which was read, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same was unanimously approved of, and Resolved, That the Rt. Wl. Grand Master, Depy. G. Master, and Grand Officers, with the Revd. Bro. Smith, be a Committee to present the said Address in behalf of this Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge, signed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and Countersigned by the Grand Secretary.

Lodge closed at half past 9 o'clock in Harmony.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 1792.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, St. John's Day, &c., being read, On Motion and Seconded, the Lodge took up the Consideration of the Motion made at the last Quary. Communication concerning the disposal of the Lot, &c., Whereupon, Resolved, That it is the sense of this Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge that the said Lot be kept, and Bro. Hamilton, Mason and Mullowny were appointed a Committee to let the said Lot to the best advantage for any term not exceeding three Years.

On Motion and Seconded, the Committee on the Letters and Papers from Marietta were discharged.

The Rt. Wl. Grand Master informed the Brethren that, in conformity to the Resolve of this Grand Lodge, he had, in company with the Gd. Officers and the Revd. Bro. Dr. Smith, presented the Address to our Illustrious Bro. George Washington and had received an answer, which was read,

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, unani-

mously, That the said Address and the answer thereto, shall be entered on the Minutes.

To His Excellency George Washington, President of the United States.

Sir and Brother:

The Ancient *York Masons* of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, for the first time assembled in General *Communication* to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, since your Election to the *Chair* of Government in the United States, beg leave to approach you with Congratulations from the East, and in the pride of Fraternal affection to hail you as the *Great Master Builder* (under the Supreme Architect) by whose Labours the *Temple* of *Liberty* hath been reared in the West, exhibiting to the Nations of the Earth a *Model* of *Beauty, Order* and *Harmony* worthy of their Imitation and Praise.

Your Knowledge of the Origin and Objects of our Institution; its Tendency to promote the Social Affections and harmonize the Heart, give us a sure pledge that this tribute of our Veneration, this Effusion of our Love will not be ungrateful to you; nor will Heaven reject our *Prayer* that you may be long continued to adorn the bright List of Master workmen which our Fraternity produces in the *terrestrial Lodge;* and that you may be late removed to that *Celestial Lodge* where Love and Harmony reign transcendent and Divine; where the Great Architect more immediately presides, and where *Cherubim* and *Seraphim,* wafting our Congratulations from *Earth to Heaven,* shall hail you *Brother.*

By order and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in general Communication assembled in ample form.

[SEAL.]

(Signed) J. B. Smith, G. M.

Attest: P. Le Barrier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

To the Ancient York Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen and Brothers:

I receive your kind Congratulations with the purest Sensa-

tions of fraternal affection, and from a Heart deeply impressed with your generous wishes for my present and future Happiness I beg you to accept of my thanks.

At the same time I request you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your Happiness while you remain in this terrestrial Mansion, and that we may hereafter meet as brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

(Signed) G. WASHINGTON.

On Motion and Seconded, the following Brethren were appointed a Gd. Committee of Correspondence for the present year, viz.: Willis, Fox, Duplessis, McCree and Mason, and the papers from Marietta were committed to them.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Gd. Secretary is directed to lay before this Grand Lodge as soon as possible such statements concerning the Dues owing by the different Lodges as can be collected from his records.

The proceedings of the Grand Committee of Charity of the 7th Day of January last were read as follows, (to wit):

PHILADELPHIA, January 7th, 1792.

At a Meeting of the Grand Committee of Charity.

Present:

The Rt. Wl. J. B. SMITH, G. Master.

Gavin Hamilton, J. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy.
Benjamin Mason, G. Treasr.
Isaac Price, Mr. of Lodge No. 9.
Thos. Town, Do of No. 3.
John Mullowny, Do of No. 19.

The Committee having considered the several Petitions presented by distressed Brethren and widows, On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro. Gd. Treasurer shall pay the sum of five Pounds to Bro. Daniel Shultz as a Loan, and take his obligation for the same; also, the sum of forty five Shillings as a Donation to each of the following persons, (to wit): Widow Purcel, Widow Diegel, Joseph Gardner, Adam Casey,

Walter Correy and Thomas Harris from Virginia; also, thirty Shillings for Widow Boyle, to Bro. Matt$^{w.}$ Whitehead, and the petition of Alexander Dow and Widow Jones were dismissed.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, that Bro. Miller's Bill amounting to 35 / be paid by Bro. Grand Treasurer out of the Charity fund as the same is for attendance on this Committee.

Ordered, that the petitions of Rachel Furter, Allen Moore and Barth$^{w.}$ Von Heer shall lie over for further Consideration. The same were approved.

The proceedings of the same Committee of February 4th last, were also read and approved as followeth, to wit:

PHILADELPHIA, February 4th, 1792.

At a Meeting of the Grand Committee of Charity.

Present:

The R$^{t.}$ W$^{l.}$ J. B. SMITH, G. Master.

Jos. Few, D$^{y.}$ G. Master.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G$^{d.}$ Secry.
Benjamin Mason, G$^{d.}$ Treas$^{r.}$
Tho$^{s.}$ Town, Master of N$^{o.}$ 3.
John Mullowny, Do of N$^{o.}$ 19.
Isaac Price, Do of N$^{o.}$ 9.

John Havin, a Master Mason of Lodge N$^{o.}$ 425, in Gloverstown, County of Antrim, in Ireland, having been cast way and applied for assistance, being destitute of Clothes, &c., on Motion and Seconded, Bro. Grand Treasurer was directed to pay him Eight Dollars as a Donation, and the Consideration of the other Petitions and applications was postponed.

The R. W. Grand Master presented two Deeds concerning the Lot granted by Bro. Joseph Dean, which were delivered to Bro. Grand Secretary to be filed among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Price, Master of N$^{o.}$ 9, presented a Statement of the Different Sums due by the said Lodge for Initiations, &c., to S$^{t.}$ John's Day last, whereby it appears that there is a Sum of Twenty two Pounds, eleven Shillings due to this Grand Lodge. On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that from the above Sum

Thirteen Pounds shall be paid to Bro. William Woodhouse on account of his Bill, and the remainder to Bro. G^d. Treasurer.

Bro. Mason delivered sundry Papers and an Apron belonging to Bro. Henry Gardner; also a Certificate, which were given to Bro. G^d. Secretary to be filed among the archives.

The R^t. W^l. Grand Master presented sundry Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, which were read and referred to the Grand Committee of Correspondence.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d. Secry.

Philadelphia, June 4th, 1792.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Grand Communication being read, On Motion and Seconded, all the Committees were continued.

The R^t. W^l. Grand Master delivered to Bro. G^d. Secretary the Lease of the Lodge Room duly executed, to be deposited among the Archives.

The following was presented by the Committee appointed by the several Lodges concerning the Lodge Room, (to wit:) The Committees appointed to digest and report a general plan of providing accommodation for the several Lodges in this City, after Mature Consideration, beg leave to recommend to each of the said Lodges the adoption of the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That this Lodge will pay to the Grand Lodge, on every S^t. John's Day, Ten Dollars for the purpose of enabling the Grand Lodge to discharge the Rent of the Lodge Room, and to furnish and ornament the said Room in such manner as shall appear to them most advisable.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit to the Grand Lodge an authenticated Copy of these Resolutions.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Committees this 28th April, 1792.

Seth Willis,
Isaac Price,
W^m. Williams.

And the representatives of Lodges N°. 2, 3, 9, 19 and 52, informed the Lodge that their several Lodges had agreed to the said Resolution. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that this R^t. W^l. Grand Lodge Do accede to the proposition, and that each Lodge shall direct a Copy of their Proceedings on the subject to be delivered to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Grand Secretary presented a return of the Members of Lodge N°. 33, which was sent to him with five Pounds, nineteen Shillings, in full for their Dues to the first Day of December last. It appears by the said Return that there are nineteen members. On Motion and Seconded, the same was ordered to be filed and entered on the Minutes as followeth, (to wit):

NEW CASTLE, March, 1792.

A List of the Officers and other Members of Lodge N°. 33, with their Quarterly Dues, &c., to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from the first of March, 1790, to the first of December, 1791.

Wors^l. Edward Roche, Master.	Keirsey Johns.	James Boothe.
Henry Darby, S. Warden.	William McKennan.	James McCullough.
James Riddle, J. Warden.	Archibald Alexander.	James McCalmont.
Joseph Israel, Treas^r.	John Stockton.	Levi Adams.
Henry Barry, Secretary.	George Mours.	William McClay.

Fifteen Members before the first day of March, 1790, and @ 1 / p^r. quarter each, is	£5. 5. 0.
William Dixon, admitted August 5, 1790, @ Do. p^r. Do.	0. 5. 0.
James Mours, raised in Feb^y., 1791, at Do. p^r. Do. .	0. 3. 0.
Of James Monro's initiation fees appropriated to the use of the Grand Lodge	0. 5. 0.
Matthew Pierce, admitted August, 1791, Quarterly Dues.	0. 1. 0.
George Read, Junr., admitted Feby 2^d, 1792.	
Total amount of Dues to the Grand Lodge. . .	£5. 19. 0.

(Errors excepted.)

Signed, HENRY BARRY, Sect^y., Lodge N°. 33.

On Motion and Seconded, Brothers McCree, Wilkins, Town, Mullowny and Williams, (No. 52,) were appointed a Committee to settle all the accounts concerning this Room since it has been taken.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Few, Williams, (No. 52,) and Price were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the Resolution adopted by the Different Lodges.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the reasons mentioned to this Gd. Lodge by Bro. Grand Treasurer in behalf of Brother James Pickering concerning the Masonic Bowl belonging to No. 4, vacated, which he has returned, are perfectly satisfactory, and that all former Resolutions respecting the said Brother Pickering be rescinded.

Bro. William Moore Smith read some propositions about a Subscription to purchase a Lot and build a Lodge Room. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same was ordered to lie on the table, to be taken up at the next Quarterly Communication.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the Lodge That our Right Worshipful Brother Laurence Dermott, late Deputy Grand Master of England, had departed this Life. Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That in order to shew the just regard and respect of this Grand Lodge for our late Bro. Laurence Dermott, the Patron and founder thereof, it be recommended to every Member of this Grand Lodge to appear on St. John's Day next with Aprons bordered with Black or other Marks of Mourning.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro. Grand Treasurer shall pay to Bro. Grand Pursuivant the sum of four Pounds, ten Shillings, out of the funds, to enable him to defray the Expenses of the Sickness and Burial of his Child lately deceased.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, June 24th, 1792.

Grand Lodge.

A Grand Lodge opened in ample form.

A Petition was received from sundry Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this City, to be called the Lodge of St. Louis, No. 53. On Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., Master; Baron de Beauvois, Senior Warden, and ——— De Chateaubriant, Junior Warden.

Another Petition was read from sundry Brethren of the Town of Washington, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the said Town. On Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of James Chambers, Master; Jas. Whiteside, Senior Warden, and Cyrus Beckwith, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be No. 54.

Brother Town, Master of No. 3, presented a return of the Officers newly elected in the said Lodge which was ordered to be filed and entered on the Minutes: Bro. Thomas Town, Master; John Poor, Senior Warden; William Lawrence, Junr. Warden, and Edmund Mullery, Secretary.

Agreeably to a Resolution of the last Communication, the brethren appeared Decorated with Marks of Mourning in Memory of our late Rt. Wl. Brother Laurence Dermott, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master of England.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Town, James Wilkins, Williams, (No. 52,) Pancoast and Dean, were appointed a Committee to propose a Plan for the future Meetings of the several Lodges in this Room, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

Lodge closed in Harmony at one o'clock, p. M.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

Philadelphia, July 12th, 1792.

Special Grand Lodge.

A Grand Lodge was opened in Due form, when a Petition

was read from a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Huntingdon, in the County of Huntingdon, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of John Cadwallader, Master; John Marshall, Senior Warden, and William Kerr, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be called No. 55.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

September 3d, 1792.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The Rt. Worsl. J. B. Smith, Grand Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, St. John's Day, and of the 12th Day of July last being read, The Rt. Worsl. Grand Master informed the Lodge that a Number of Brethren had applied for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, by the name of St. Louis Lodge, No. 53, which had been granted them in the names of Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Master; Baron de Beauvois, Senior Warden, and —— De Chateaubriant, Junior Warden; and the Master and Wardens attending, they were duly installed to their respective offices, and the said new Lodge was declared and proclaimed duly constituted, and the same was ordered to be registered in the Grand Lodge's Books, and the Secretary was directed to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this Jurisdiction.

Bro. Grand Secretary, the Representative of Lodge No. 47, presented sundry Communications from the said Lodge. On Motion and Seconded, the same were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. McCree, Town and Mason,

were added to the Committee to carry into effect the Resolution adopted by the different Lodges concerning the Lodge room.

On Motion and Seconded, the Committee appointed to settle all the accounts concerning the Lodge room were continued; also, the Committee to propose a Plan for the future Meetings of the Lodges.

The Resolutions proposed by Bro. Wm. Moore Smith were read, and on Motion and Seconded, the Consideration of the same was postponed.

The Rt. Wl. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had ordered the Grand Officers to appear with marks of Mourning on their Aprons in Memory of our late Rt. Wl. and Worthy Brother Joseph Few, Deputy Grand Master of this Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge, who had departed this life. On Motion and Seconded, Unanimously Resolved, that the Grand Officers shall appear with the same Marks of Mourning at every meeting and Communication, and on St. John's Day next, and ordered, that it be recommended to the different Lodges held in this City to observe the same.

Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

October 29th, 1792.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

The Rt. Wl. J. B. Smith, Grand Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Rt. Wl. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had called the Gd. Lodge to lay before them a Petition from a Number of Brethren at Carlisle, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Carlisle, whereupon, the said Petition and a recommendation from the Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, were read, and on Motion and Seconded, the Petitioners' prayer was granted, and the Gd. Secretary was directed to make out a

Warrant accordingly, in the names of William Leyburn, Master; Hugh McCullock, Senior Warden, and Robert Leyburn, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be called No. 56.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had also received an Application from St. Thomas, in the Danish West India Islands, for a Warrant to hold a Lodge there, But the said Application not being agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of this Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge, and he being well acquainted with Brother John Gravenhorst, who has passed the Chair under this Jurisdiction, he had sent a Dispensation to him to hold a Lodge, and make Masons, &c., for and during Six Months.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

December 3d, 1792.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The Rt. Wl. J. B. Smith, Grand Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and Extra Meeting being read, the Rt. Wl. Grand Master presented Communications from the Rt. Wl. Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions, which were read as followeth, (to wit):

To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Right Worshipful Brothers,

It is with much Satisfaction that in Conformity to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, herewith transmitted, and in their name, We address you on this occasion.

We rejoice on the Restoration of a Fraternal Intercourse and Communication Between our Respective Grand Lodges, which we cannot but lament had ever been suspended, and

which the Grand Lodge of England agree forever to cultivate and support.

The Accession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to a Fraternal alliance with the Grand Lodge of England, and consequently with the several Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the Globe in alliance with that of England, so conducive to the Honour and Interest of our Antient Craft, must necessarily be highly satisfactory to the Masonic World at large.

Having perused your Book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western World, whose strict adherence to the Ancient and immutable Landmarks of our Order reflects Honour on its original Founders. Here we must beg leave to state that we conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicated to it the same independent Sovereign Masonic Authority within your Jurisdiction which we ourselves possessed within ours, amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable Landmarks of the craft. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily Free, independent, and Equipollent within their respective Jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to a foreign Authority or the Establishment of an Imperium in Imperio.

It having, however, pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe to erect the Province Pennsylvania into a sovereign State, we coincide with you in opinion, that it became expedient to remove those doubts which either had or might be entertained by the uninformed upon that point, by declaring in the most explicit manner the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the full and ample Authority of which, limited only by the unchangeable Landmarks of the System, as it cannot be increased, so neither can it ever be diminished by Political Changes or Revolutions.

The Principles of pure Masonry like those of true Morality must in every age and Nation remain the same, unmoved by the Shock of Empirés or the Vicissitudes of Human Events.

We transmit to you, herewith, our Circular Letter to the

Lodges under our Jurisdiction, for the Current year, Containing a List of our Grand Officers, and those of the Grand Lodges in alliance with us according to their last Communications for the present year, to which we have to add that of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada.

It is with pleasure we inform you of the increasing prosperity of Free Masonry, not only under our Jurisdiction, but under that of the different Grand Lodges in the different Quarters of the Globe united with us.

We are with Esteem and best wishes for your Grand Lodge, and the Craft under its Jurisdiction,
[SEAL.] Right Worshipful Brothers,
Your Sincere Friends and Brothers,
(Signed,) JAS. AGAR, Depy. G. M.
ROBT. LESLIE, G. Secy.

Duplicate.

Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England According to the Old Institutions.

HIS GRACE, the DUKE of ATHOL, Grand Master.

CROWN AND ANCHOR TAVERN, LONDON, 5th Septemr., 1792.

Present: James Agar, Deputy Grand Master.
Sir Watkin Lewis Knight, Senior Grand Warden.
John Bunn, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden.
Thomas Harper, Esquire, past Senior Grand Warden.
Robert Leslie, Esquire, Grand Secretary.
John Feakins, Esquire, Grand Treasurer.
William Hockaday, Esquire, Grand Sword Bearer.

The Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 23, 37, 63, 31, 81, 128, 159, 192, 193, 194, 195, 221, 225, 226, 227, 230, 231, 234, 239, 240, 241, 244, 245, 251, 253, 255, 258, 259, 261, 264.

Dispatches from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date the 18th of November last, and of 25th of Octobr. 1782, and two resolutions of that Grand Lodge of the 25th Septem-

ber, 1786, were communicated by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, which were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. His Worship also informed the Grand Lodge that a book of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been sent with the dispatches, which he had perused and found perfectly conformable to the Landmarks of the Ancient Craft, and after congratulating the Grand Lodge on the Restoration of the Fraternal Intercourse between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania, he proposed and it was "Resolved, unanimously, That a brotherly Address be "transmitted to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania, acknowledging their friendly Communications "and approving thereof, and that a fraternal intercourse and "Correspondence be established between this Grand Lodge "and that of Pennsylvania forever, in the same manner as "between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Scot-"land, Ireland, and the other Grand Lodges throughout the "Masonic World."

(Signed.) ROBERT LESLIE, G. Sec^y.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same were ordered to be inserted on the Minutes, and referred to Bro. McCree, Bankson, Kidd, Johnston and Mason, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication, and Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to send Copies of the said Communication to the respective Grand Lodges in the United States, and others in alliance with this Grand Lodge.

The Report of the G^d. Committee of Accounts were read as follows, (to wit):

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the R^t. W^l. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of Bro. G^d. Secretary and G^d. Treasurer before S^t. John's and Evangelist, 1789, and to investigate all accounts whatsoever in which this G^d. Lodge is concerned Beg leave to report,

That they find by the late Grand Treasurer's Book he is in advance of One Pound, nineteen Shillings and four Pence.

That there are eight Dispensations which are not accounted

for neither by the Grand Secretary nor the Grand Treasurer amounting to fifteen Dollars.

That for want of the returns of Members from the several Lodges under your Jurisdiction and other necessary Vouchers they could not proceed further, and recommend that a Letter be written to each Lodge requesting them to settle their Accounts and make an exact return of their standing Members as soon as possible, that the whole may be laid before your Committee in order to enable them to comply with their appointment.

Philadelphia, March 3d, 1791.

(Signed.) NICOL COCHRAN,
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
J. McCREE.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the settlement made by the said Committee was unanimously approved of, the Committee were discharged and Bro. Gd. Secretary was directed to write a letter to all the Lodges agreeably to the said Report.

The Committee to propose a plan for the future Meetings of the different Lodges held in this City presented their report, which was read as follows, (to wit):

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to prepare a plan for the future Meetings of the several Lodges, Report, That they have taken the Matter into Consideration and recommend that the following Days shall be appropriated for the use of the several Lodges as followeth, viz.:

Grand Lodge,	on the 1st and 3d Mondays.
Sublime Lodge,	on the 1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Royal Arch,	on the 1st and 3d Saturdays.
Lodge No. 2,	on the 2d and 4th Mondays.
Lodge No. 3,	on the 1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Lodge No. 9,	on the 1st and 3d Fridays.
Lodge No. 19,	on the 1st and 3d Thursdays.
Lodge No. 51,	on the 2d and 4th Thursdays.
Lodge No. 52,	on the 2d and 4th Saturdays.
Lodge No. 53, St. Louis,	on the 2d and 4th Wednesdays.

And any of the Days that are not appropriated as above

shall be at the free use of all the Lodges by giving Notice to the Tyler, until otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge.

THO^s. TOWN,
JOS. DEAN,
JAMES WILKINS,
SAM^L. PANCOAST, JUN^r.

Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the same was Unanimously adopted and Bro. G^d. Secretary was directed to send a Copy of the same to all the Lodges concerned.

This being the Day appointed for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the Lodge having proceeded to Ballot agreeably to the Bye Laws and Regulations, the following Brethren were severally elected to the following offices, (to wit:)

The Right Worshipful J. B. SMITH, G^d. Master.

John Carson, D^y. G^d. Master.
Gavin Hamilton, S^r. G^d. Warden.
John McCree, Junr. G^d. Warden.
Robt. Johnston, G^d. Secretary.
Edward Fox, Grand Treasurer.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Fox, Bankson and Price were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the accounts of Bro. Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Carson, Poor, Le Maigre, Bankson and McCree were appointed a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The Committees who have not reported were continued.

Bro. Robert Johnson proposed the following Resolve, (to wit):

"That that part of the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania which requires two-thirds of the Members "present to vote in favor of a Procession before it can be ob-"tained, be expunged, &c. That the word "Majority" be in-"serted instead of the words two-thirds."

On Motion and Seconded, the same was postponed in order to introduce the following amendment to the first article of the Bye Laws, (to wit): to insert the words, "who have served

six Months," after the words "Past Masters" in the said article. On Motion and Seconded, the Consideration of the same was postponed.

On Motion and Seconded, this Grand Lodge was adjourned to Monday, the 17th Instant, and the Gd. Secretary was directed to give Notice to all the Members thereof.

Lodge closed at half past 10 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

December 17th, 1792.

Grand Lodge, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The Right Worshipful J. B. Smith, Grand Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication being read, the Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment, and being again called to Labor, Bro. Leslie presented a note from Bro. Johnston, Grand Secretary elect, expressing his desire to decline the said office, and the same being read, On Motion and Seconded, his Resignation was accepted, whereupon, On Motion and Seconded, the Lodge proceeded to the Election of a Grand Secretary, when Bro. Le Barbier DuPlessis was duly elected.

Lodge closed at 10 o'clock in Harmony.

N. B.—Bro. John C. Baum, Master elect of Lodge No. 46, was installed Master of the said Lodge, there not being a sufficient number of Past Masters belonging to that Lodge or in the neighborhood of it to attend to the Business.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secy.

St. John's Day, December 27th, 1792.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. Wl. J. B. Smith, Esqr. G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly and Adjourned G^d.^ Communication being read as far as concerns the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the R. W. G. Master having been continued by Unanimous Vote, he was duly recognized and saluted according to ancient form, and the following brethren were severally installed to their respective offices, (to wit):

R. W. John Carson, Deputy Grand Master; Gavin Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden; John M^c^Cree, Junior Grand Warden; Peter Le Barbier DuPlessis, Grand Secretary, and Edward Fox, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Lodge that Bro. Jacob Bankson was willing to serve as D. G^d.^ Secretary, which was unanimously agreed to.

The R. W^l.^ Grd Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Samuel Benge, S^r.^ G^d.^ Deacon; Samuel Pancoast, J^r.^ G^d.^ Deacon; R^d.^ Dr. Andrews, G^d.^ Chaplain; Bro. Jones and Kidd, G^d.^ Stewards; Thos. Proctor, G^d.^ Marshal; Col. Williams, G^d.^ S. Bearer; Walter Corry, G^d.^ Pursuivant, and Frederick Miller, G^d.^ Tyler.

Lodge closed at half past one o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d.^ Sec^ry.^

Philadelphia, March 4th, 1793.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W^l.^ J. B. Smith, G. Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly and adjourned Communications and of St. John's Day being read, a Deputation was read from Lodge N°. 21, held in Harrisburg, appointing Bro. Peter Le Maigre to represent them in Grand Lodge, which was ordered to be entered in Grand Lodge Books, and Bro. Peter Le Maigre was accordingly acknowledged to be the representative of the said Lodge N°. 21.

The R. W. Gd. Master informed the Lodge he had received

a Letter from the R. W. Dy. Grd. Master of South Carolina on the subject of Incorporation, which was read. On Motion and Seconded, the same was referred to the Committee appointed to consider the propriety of applying for an Act of incorporation.

A Letter was read from Lodge No. 56, informing that their Officers were installed agreeably to the Dispensation of the R. W. G. Master, and inclosing a return of their Members, which was also read and approved of, and ordered to be entered in Grand Lodge's Books.

A Communication was read from Lodge No. 52,—Harmony Lodge,—informing of the Expulsion of J—— R—— and J—— C——, and the Grand Secretary was directed to give information of the same to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

A Petition was read from a number of Brethren in Newtown, Bucks County, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the said Town, recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge; Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Gd. Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Redding Beatty, Master; James Hanna, Senior Warden, and Nicholas Wynkoop, Junior Warden; the said Lodge to be called No. 57.

A return was made and read of the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 43, and was ordered to be entered in Grand Lodge's Books; also their Bye Laws, which were referred to Bro. Carson, Duplessis and Bankson, who are to report thereon.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge, Bro. G. Hamilton had delivered him (939) nine hundred and thirty-nine Constitution Books.

A return was read from Lodge No. 31, held at Norristown, and ordered to be entered on the Grand Lodge's Books. Bro. Gd. Treasurer received £12. 10 from Bro. Nelson, Master of said Lodge and £3. 8. 0 from Bro. Gd. Secretary.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Bankson, Johnston, McCree, Fox and Hamilton were appointed a Committee to consider

the resolution proposed at the last quarterly Communication concerning the alterations or amendments mentioned therein.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the Committee appointed to attend to the furnishing the room be authorized to make the Choice of a Tyler and an Assistant Tyler, if they deem it necessary, and to ask for the Concurrence of the different Lodges meeting in this Room.

Lodge closed at half past nine o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d. Secry.

Philadelphia, March 25th, 1793.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

The R. W. G. Master J. B. Smith.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the R^t. W^l. G. Master informed the Brethren that the purpose of calling the Grand Lodge, was to lay before them a Petition he had received from a number of Brethren in the Service of the United States at Legionville, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge limited to the movements of the American Army, which petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, on Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Robert Mis. Campbell, Master; Samuel Tinsley, Senior Warden, and William Eaton, Junior Warden. The said Lodge to be called N°. 58, to be held wherever the Master of the said Lodge for the time being shall be stationed in the Army of the United States.

On Motion and Seconded, resolved, that the Sum of Twenty Dollars shall be paid by Bro. G. Treasurer to the widow of our late Brother Alexander Robinson; also, the Sum of Six Dollars to Brother Matthew Whitehead for the use of the Widows of our late Brothers Beck and Boyle.

Lodge closed at three quarters past 9 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d. Secry.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3d, 1793.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly and Special Communications being read, Bro. Grand Secretary presented a return made by Bro. Benezet, of the Installation of the Officers of Lodge No. 57; a report of the Proceedings of Bro. Beaty under the R. W. Grand Master's Dispensation previous to their Warrant being granted, a return of their Members and a Copy of the Bye Laws. The return of Bro. Benezet being read, on Motion and Seconded, the whole was referred to Bro. Carson, McCree and William M. Smith.

All Committees who have not reported were continued.

A Petition was read from a number of Brethren residing in Philadelphia, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this city, to be called Washington Lodge, Whereupon, On Motion and Seconded, the Prayer of the Petitioners was granted and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out the same in the names of Edward Scott, Master; Richard R. Cusack, Senior Warden, and John McElwee, Junior Warden, to be called Washington Lodge, No. 59.

The Bye Laws of No. 2 were referred to the same Committee as those of No. 57.

On Motion and Seconded, the Committee to settle the accounts of this Grand Lodge and of the late Gd. Treasurer and Secretary were discharged, and Bro. Fox, Crozier, McCree, Pancoast and Town were appointed a Committee to examine and settle all Accounts whatsoever in which this Grand Lodge is concerned.

The Proceedings of the Grand Committee of Charity of the 27th of Decembr. last was read as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, Decr 27th, 1792.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Charity of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

John Carson, D. G. M.
Gavin Hamilton, S. G. W.
John McCree, J. G. W.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. S.
Edward Fox, G. Treas^r.
Jacob Bankson.
Wilkins.
Thos. Proctor.

The Committee having considered the Petition of Bro. Thomas Gardiner, who has been since a long time afflicted with Sickness, &c., Unanimously resolved to grant him the Sum of five Dollars and directed Bro. Treasurer to pay him that Sum and charge the same to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee informed that there is no fund in the Hands of Bro. G^d. Treasurer, resolved to postpone the Consideration of other Petitions.

Signed. P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Secr^y.

On Motion and Seconded, the above proceedings were unanimously approved of.

Lodge closed at half past 9 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, June 24th, 1793.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren that a number of Bro. Masons had applied for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, by the name of Washington Lodge, N°. 59, which had been granted them in the names of Edward Scott, Master; John McElwee, Senior Warden, and Richard R. Cusack, Junior Warden; and the said Officers attending were duly installed to their several offices according to ancient form, and the said Lodge was declared and proclaimed duly

constituted Washington Lodge N$^{o.}$ 59, and the same was ordered to be registered in the Grand Lodge's Book, and the G. Secretary to notify it to all particular Lodges working under the Jurisdiction.

Bro. G$^{d.}$ Secretary mentioned he had received returns from Lodges N$^{o.}$ 3, 9, 51, 52 and 53, which were read and ordered to be filed; also, a Sketch of an Account between Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52 and this Grand Lodge which was referred to the Grand Committee of Accounts.

A Petition was read from Bro. J. Bennet praying for assistance which was referred to the Grand Committee of Charity.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr 2^{d}, 1793.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and S$^{t.}$ John's being read, The R. W. G. Master mentioned to the Brethren, That the Day was appointed by the Bye Laws for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, Whereupon, the Brethren proceeded to Ballot and the following Brethren were duly elected to their several offices, (to wit):

R. W. J. B. Smith, G. Master.
John Carson, D. G. Master.
John McCree, S. G. Warden.
Edward Fox, J. G. Warden.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secr$^{y.}$
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treas$^{r.}$

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That the R. W. G. Master for the time being shall appoint the G$^{d.}$ Committee of Correspondence, and he was pleased to appoint Bro. Duplessis, Fox, McCree, Poor and Hamilton, to be the Grand Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year.

All Committees who have not reported were continued and requested to report as soon as possible.

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that a Subscription shall be opened amongst the Brethren under this Jurisdiction for the purpose of assisting such of the Brethren, Widows and Orphans of Bro. Masons, who may have suffered by the late Calamity in this City, and Bro. McCree, Duplessis and Fox, were appointed a Committee to Draft a letter and send it to the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, soliciting their assistance in the above purpose.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, That the Subscription and Donation Money shall be paid into the Hands of Bro. G. Treasurer, and that the G. Committee of Charity shall have the Distribution thereof.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that there shall be a procession on St. John's Day next to attend divine Service in some of the Churches of this City, and Bros. Proctor, Bankson, Poor, McElwee and Griffith, were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements to carry said resolution into effect and report on Wednesday the 11th instant, to which time this Gd. Lodge stands adjourned.

The Proceedings of the Grand Committee of Charity of June 24th last, were read as followeth:

PHILADELPHIA, June 24th, 1793.

Grand Committee of Charity.

At a Meeting of the Grand Committee of Charity of the R. Wl. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.
Gavin Hamilton.
John McCree.
P. Le Barbier DuPlessis.
James Eggers.
Saml. Pancoast.

Petitions were read from the following Brethren praying assistance, to wit: Bro. Dowdall, Walsh, J. Bennet and Jos. Gardiner, Whereupon, the Committee having considered the said Petitions, it was unanimously resolved, That Bro. Grand Treasurer shall pay unto Bro. Dowdall, the sum of five

Pounds; to Bro. Walsh, Five Dollars; and to Bro. Gardiner, Three Dollars, and the Petition of Bro. J. Bennet was dismissed.

Signed, P. Le Barbier DuPlessis, Gd. Secy.

On Motion and Seconded, the above proceedings were unanimously approved of.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

Philadelphia, December 7th, 1793.

Special Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. John McCree, G. M., P. T.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form, when the R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the purpose of this Meeting was to communicate them a Petition from a Number of Brethren residing in and near Fort Burd, commonly called Brownsville, in Fayette County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, praying for a Warrant to be granted for a new Lodge, to be held at Fort Burd aforesaid, under the names of Chads Chalfant, Master; John Christmas, Senior Warden, and Michael Sowers, Junior Warden, which Petition was accompanied with a recommendation from the Master and Warden of Lodge No. 54, held at Washington, Whereupon, the whole being read, On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, Unanimously, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, the said Lodge to be called No. 60, and the Gd. Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly.

Lodge closed at half past 7 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

Philada., December 11th, 1793.

Grand Lodge, By adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication being read the R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren that the purpose of the adjournment was for receiving the report of the Committee appointed to carry into effect the Resolution on the Procession. Whereupon, Bro. Proctor, the Chairman of the said Committee, presented a report, which was read, Whereupon, a Motion was made and Seconded, to reconsider the resolve passed concerning the Procession at the last Quarterly Communication, and after debate, On Motion and Seconded, this Lodge was adjourned to Friday next, at Six o'clock, and the G. Secretary directed to send Summonses to the Members.

Lodge closed at 10 o'clock, 10 M^es.^

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d.^ Secry.

Philadelphia, Decr. 13th, 1793.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. Gavin Hamilton, G. M., P. T.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the Minutes of the last Communication being read, On Motion and Seconded, "whether the Resolve passed the 2^d.^ Instant concerning Procession shall be reconsidered." It was found nineteen votes against it and eighteen for it, and after debate the R. W. presiding officer declared that one of the nineteen votes was given by a Member who had no right to it, the Brother who filled the Junior Grand Warden's Chair being Master of Lodge N°. 9, having no right to two votes.

Lodge closed at three quarters past 10 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d.^ Sec^ry.^

St. John's Day, December 27th, 1793.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication as far as concerns the Election of Grand Officers being read, The Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith was duly recognized Grand Master, and proclaimed and saluted as such agreeably to ancient usages and Customs. Bro. John McCree was installed Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis recognized Grand Secretary and Bro. Gavin Hamilton installed Grand Treasurer. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Junior G. Warden elect did not attend. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to reappoint Bro. Samuel Benge, Senior Grand Deacon and Samuel Pancoast, Junior Grand Deacon; Revd. Dr. Andrews, G. Chaplain; Bro. Proctor, Grand Marshall; Col. William Williams, Gd. Sword Bearer; Bro. Walter Correy, Gd. Pursuivant and Bro. McElwee and Will, Grand Stewards.

Returns were received and ordered to be filed from Lodges No. 9, 52 and 53; also, a List of the Members of Lodge No. 54 and their Bye Laws. On Motion and Seconded, the said Bye Laws were committed to Bro. McCree and Scot who are to report thereon.

Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to the procession to attend Divine Servine at St. Paul's Church, agreeably to the arrangements made by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

After the service was over the Brethren being returned to the Lodge. On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that Brothers Wadman, McElwee, Poor, Griffith and Scott, shall be a Committee to distribute the Donation Money collected on this occasion.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be given by Bro. Proctor and Poor to the Revd. Dr. Magaw, and Copy of his sermon requested for Publication; Likewise to Bro. Dr. William Smith, for his assistance, and to the Vestry of St. Paul's Church for their grant of the use of said Church this Day.

Resolved, that Bro. Proctor and Poor be requested to wait on His Excellency, Bro. George Washington, with the compliments of the Day, and respectful Thanks of the Grand Lodge for his generous Donation to the Poor.

Resolved, that the Committee of Arrangement be authorized to receive Benefactions from such Brethren and others who are willing to contribute for the Original Charity. Ordered, that the Committee of Distribution Meet to-morrow Evening, at 6 o'clock, at the Lodge Room.

Lodge closed at half past two o'clock, P. M., in Harmony.

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

PHILADELPHIA, February 18th, 1794.

Special Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to inform the Brethren that he had convened this Grand Lodge to lay before them a Petition from a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Wilkesbarre, in the County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, the said Petition was read, being duly recommended agreeably to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and On Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Gd. Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant in the names of George Syter, Master; John Paul Schott, Senior Warden, and Peter Grubb, Junior Warden, the said Lodge to be called No. 61, (Sixty-one).

Lodge closed at nine o'clock in Harmony.

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Gd. Secry.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3d, 1794.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Grand Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and succeeding Meetings being read, A return of the Members of Lodge N°. 14 was read and ordered to be filed, and also, the return of the Officers and Members of Lodge N°. 31 and of the Members of N°. 45.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were appointed a Committee to settle the accounts of Lodge N°. 52 with this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary was directed to send Copy of the Minutes to the Committee appointed to settle the Grand Secretary and G^d. Treasurer's accounts, and they are requested to attend the Business.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. J. B. Smith and Howard and McCree, were appointed a Committee to settle the Business of the Bond due by the late Bro. James Johnson in such Equitable way and manner as they may deem proper.

A Motion was presented in writing by Bro. Poor and Scott as followeth, to wit: "It is moved and seconded, That no "Member belonging to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "shall retain or have liberty to make use of more than one "vote on any occasion whatever."

Philad^a., March 3^d., 1794. (Signed) John Poor.
Seconded by Edwd. Scott.

Whereupon, the same was ordered to lie over to next Quarterly Communication.

Lodge closed at half past 9 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d. Sec^ry.

Philad^a., March 31st, 1794.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren he had convened them to-

gether in order to lay before them a Petition from a Number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in Reading, Whereupon the said Petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On Motion and Seconded, the prayer of the Petitioners was Unanimously granted, and the G^d.^ Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of William Bell, Master; John Myers, Senior Warden; Thomas Wildbahn, Junior Warden, to be called N°. 62, (Sixty-two).

Lodge closed at 10 o'clock, P. M., in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d.^ Sec^ry.^

Philadelphia, May 28th, 1794.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren he had convened them together in order to lay before them a Petition of a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Lewes, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, Whereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the said Petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, the Prayer of the Petitioners was Unanimously granted, and the G^d.^ Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of David Hall, Master; John Clark, Senior Warden, and James Willey, J^r.^ Warden, the said Lodge to be called 63, (Sixty-three).

Lodge closed at 9 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d.^ Sec^ry.^

PHILADELPHIA, June 2d, 1794.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JOHN McCREE, G. M., P. T.
Griffith, D. G. M., P. T.
Eggers, S. G. W., P. T.
Fisher, J. G. W., P. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
Benge, S. G. D.
Pancoast, J. G. D.
Correy, Gd. Purst.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 12, 19, 41, 45, 46, 47, 51, 53, 56 and 59 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the Minutes of the last Quarterly and Special Communications being read, The Proceedings of the Grand Commee. of March 13 last, were read as follows, (to wit):

Grand Committee of Charity.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13th, 1794.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.
McCree, J. G. W.
Hamilton, G. Treasr.
Pancoast, Mr. of No. 51.
Fisher, No. 19.
Scott, No. 59.
Duplessis, G. Secry.

A Petition was read from Bro. —— Suche, a Member of Lodge No. 47, at Port au Prince setting forth that he had been imprisoned by the Civil Commissaries and embarked on board a vessel without even having time left him to procure Clothes or Money, &c. That since his arrival in this City he was supported by a Brother and that he is just about sailing for France, destituted of everything and prayed the assistance of the Brethren, Whereupon, On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that Bro. Gd. Treasurer shall pay Bro. Suche out of the Funds

of the G. Lodge, the Sum of Thirty Dollars and charge the same to the Grand Lodge..

Signed. P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

On Motion and Seconded, the aforegoing Proceedings were Unanimously approved.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the accts. of Lodge No. 52 with this Grand Lodge, reported they had complied with their appointment and found that Lodge indebted to this Grand Lodge in the sum of Sixteen Pounds, 7/8d. to the Month of June, 1793. On Motion and Seconded, the same Committee were appointed to settle the accounts of all the Lodges in this City.

The Committee of Accounts reported they had examined the Bill of Bro. Benge and allowed the sum of Twenty seven Pounds, four Shillings and nine Pence, ½.

Bro. Gd. Secretary presented a return of the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 11, which were read and ordered to be filed and entered on Grand Lodge's Book.

Bro. Gd. Secretary paid to Bro. Grand Treasurer the Sum of Eleven Dollars 55cts., for the dues of the said Lodge.

A Communication from Lodge No. 52 inquiring of Bro. S—— B——'s Expulsion from the said Lodge which was received; Whereupon, Bro. B—— declared his appeal from the Proceedings of said Lodge, which was granted, and Bro. Hamilton, Fisher and Pancoast were appointed a Committee to enquire and examine into the Causes and reasons of Bro. B——'s Expulsion, and the Proceedings of Lodge No. 52 on the occasion, and to make their report as soon as possible.

The Motion made at the last Quarterly Communication by Bro. Poor and Scott was taken up, and after some arguments the R. W. presiding Officer closed the Lodge at half past 10 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, June 24th, 1794.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form when the returns of the last elections of the following Lodges, N°. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 53 and 59, were received and ordered to be entered on Grand Lodge's Books and filed.

A Petition was presented to Bro. Henry Stegmann of the Lodge Ferdinande Carohim, in Hamburg, praying assistance, which was read and On Motion and Seconded, the same was referred to the Grand Committee of Charity, and Bro. Town was desired to make previously the necessary information and to take to his assistance Bro. Woight.

On Motion of Lodge N°. 3, That a Committee should be appointed to settle their accounts with this Grand Lodge, Resolved, that Bro. Grand Secretary and G^d. Treasurer be appointed a Committee for the above purpose and also to settle the accounts of all the Lodges in this City and requested to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the Committee appointed on the last S^t. John Day to distribute the Donation Money shall report to the Grand Committee of Charity, who shall settle their accounts and report thereon.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro. Grand Treasurer shall have Credit in his account with this G^d. Lodge for Ten Dollars by him paid to Bro. Russel as a Donation and for which he has Bro. Russel's receipt.

Lodge closed at Twenty minutes past 12 o'clock A. M., in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis.

Philadelphia, September 1st, 1794.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. John McCree, G. M., P. T.
Williams, S. G. W., p. T.
Griffith, J. G. W., p. T.
Gavin Hamilton, Treas^r.

John Poor, Secretary, P. T.
Leo, S. G. D., P. T.
Miller, J. G. D., P. T.

Eight Lodges being represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the R. W. Grand Master being indisposed and the Secretary not attending, this Lodge was adjourned to meet at six o'clock in the Evening on the first Monday in October next.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

Philada., Octr 6, 1794.

Grand Lodge, By adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. Gavin Hamilton, G. M., P. T.
Williams, S. G. W., P. T.
McElwee, J. G. W., P. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Secry.
John Poor, S. G. D., P. T.
Griffith, J. G. D., p. T.
Walter Correy, G. Purst.
R. W. J. B. Smith.

Lodges Nos. 12, 41, 47, 52, 53 and 59 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form and the Minutes of the last Grand Communication being read, The Committee on Bro. Benges appeal not being ready to report, On Motion and Seconded, they were continued; also all other Committees who have not reported.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Gd. Secry.

Philada., December 1st, 1794.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

George Dubois, D. G. M., P. T.
G. Hamilton, S. G. W., P. T.
P. Wadman, J. G. W., P. T.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. Sy.
William Williams, S. G. D.
Samuel Pancoast, J. G. D.
Walter Correy, G. Purst.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 12, 19, 31, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 53, 57 and 59 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly and adjourned Communications being read, The Committee appointed on the appeal of Bro. S—— B——, from the Proceedings against him of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, held in this City of Philadelphia, whereby he was expelled the said Lodge, presented their Report, which was read as followeth:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Rt. Wl. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Causes of the Expulsion of Bro. S—— B——, a Member of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, held in this City, and to examine into the proceedings of the said Lodge, Beg leave to report.

That in Compliance with their appointment, they have with the greatest attention investigated the whole, and find that a long time before the Proceedings had in the said Lodge against the said Brother B——, he had ceased to be a Member, and consequently could not be expelled; That, even if he had been a Member, the proceedings were irregular, and too hasty, and contrary to those Charitable Principles that should actuate every good Mason, and ought to be erased from their minutes. We also beg leave to request the Grand Lodge would recommend to the several Lodges under their Jurisdiction to be cautious in the expulsion of their members.

Decr. 1st., 5794.

G. Hamilton,
Elisha Fisher,
Saml. Pancoast.

Whereupon, after some Arguments on the part of the Representatives of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, the Brethren belong-

ing to that Lodge were requested to withdraw, which being done, On Motion and Seconded, the report of the Committee was unanimously received and adopted and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, and Bro. Gd. Secretary was directed to send a Copy of said Report and of these Proceedings to Harmony Lodge, No. 52, that they comply therewith, and also a Copy to Bro. S——.B——.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge this was the Day appointed for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and desired the Brethren to proceed to the Election of another Grand Master, declaring that the same reasons he had given to the Lodge for several years past, and the very particular attention his new office required of him, did not permit him to serve any longer, and urging Business calling him away, he desired Bro. G. Hamilton to take his seat, and withdrew.

A Letter was received from Bro. John McCree, Sr. Grand Warden, desiring the Brethren would elect another Brother in his room, as his affairs would not permit him to serve any longer.

Bro. Grand Secretary addressed the Brethren, observed to them that since five years he had filled that Office, and had endeavored to discharge the duties incumbent on him, to the best of his Abilities, and desired they would elect another Grand Secretary, as his Health, and Especially his private affairs, did not permit him to pay any longer that attention the Importance of the Office required.

Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot and the following Brethren were duly elected:

Rt. Wl. William Ball, Esqr., Grand Master.
William Moore Smith, Esqr., D. G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. Warden.
John Poor, J. G. Warden.
Thos. Armstrong, Esqr., Gd. Secry.
John McElwee, Grand Treasr.

A Letter was read from Bro. Thomas F. Lawler, an Ancient York Mason, praying for a Loan of about Ten or Fifteen

Pounds, &c., On Motion and Seconded, the same was referred to the Grand Committee of Charity.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Lodge That the R. W. Grand Master and himself had received two Communications from the R. W. the Grand Lodge of England under the old Institution. On Motion and Seconded, the same were referred to the Grand Comm^ee.^ of Correspondence for the ensuing year, who are to report thereon, and prepare an answer.

On Motion and Seconded, Bro. Hamilton, Wadman and Tilton were appointed a Committee to wait on the Right Worshipful Grand Master Elect, and William Moore Smith, D. Grand Master elect, and inform them of their election and to present them with an Extract of these Minutes.

The Committees who have not reported were continued and requested to report at the next quarterly Communication.

Lodge closed at 20 M^es.^ past 9 o'clock in Harmony.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G^d.^ Sec^ry.^

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Decr 27th, 1794.

Grand Lodge

Present:

The R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

George Dubois, D. G. M., p. T.
Praise Wadman, S. G. W., p. T.
Samuel Pancoast, J. G. W., p. T.
P. Le Barbier DuPlessis, G. Sec^ry.^
Gavin Hamilton, G. Treas^r.^
Samuel Pancoast, S. G. D., p. T.
Thos. Town, J. G. D., p. T.
Achmed Ben Ali, vis^r.^ from Smyrna.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 41, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 59 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication being read as far as concerns the Election of Grand Officers, The R. W. Grand Master

proceeded to the Installation of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and Bro. William M. Smith, by the R. W. Grand Master's Orders, installed the R. W. William Ball, Grand Master, and he was accordingly proclaimed by Bro. Grand Secretary, Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such agreeably to Ancient Customs and Usages. Bro. William M. Smith was afterwards installed by Bro. Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Master. Afterwards, the following Brethren were installed by Bro. William M. Smith to their several offices, to wit: Bro. Thomas Town, Senior G. Warden; John Poor, Junior G. Warden; John McElwee, Grand Treasurer, and Thomas Armstrong, Grand Secretary.

Petitions were presented and read from Robert Campbell, John Flanigan and Margaret Edmonston, praying relief and the distress'd situation of George Tudor and the widow Saunders was represented by the late W. G. Master, whose several cases were refer'd to the Grand Committee of Charity to meet on Monday Evening next.

It was moved and seconded, that a Committee of Correspondence be appointed and Brs. Wm. M. Smith, Br. Hamilton and Br. Duplessis were agreed on.

It was moved and seconded, that a Standing Room Committee be appointed with power to procure such assistance for the Tyler as they may think fit, to take care of the Room, and Brs. Town, Br. Price and Br. Griffith were agreed on.

An account for the Funeral Expences of John McCrea amounting to £4. 9. was read, and the Treasurer order'd to pay the same.

The By Laws of Lodge No. 62, in Reading, were recd. and referd. to Br. Griffith and Br. Grand Secretary to report thereon.

The Rt. W. Grand Master then Continued Br. Walter Correy, Grand Pursuivant for the succeeding year.

Lodge Closed at half past two o'clock in Harmony.

Thos. Armstrong, Grand Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, Jany 25th, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, Gr^d. Master.

Thomas Town, Gr^d. Senr. W.
John Poor, Gr^d. Junr. W.
John McElwee, Gr^d. T.
Thomas Armstrong, Gr^d. Secr^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52 and 59 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following Officers for the present year, which were omitted on S^t. John's Day last, viz.: B^r. Pancost, Senr. Gr^d. Deacon; Griffith, Junr. Gr^d. Deacon; Rev^d. —— Rogers, Gr^d. Chaplain; Cusack, Gr^d. Sword Bearer; Brothers McKarragher and Will, Grand Stewards, and Wheelen, Gr^d. Tyler.

A Petition was read from Lodge N°. 2, stating the Impropriety of the proceedings of Lodge N°. 59, by Initiating W^m. Bell in their Lodge, after he had applied to said N°. 2, and the Senr. Gr^d. W., Junr. Gr^d. W., and Grand Sec^y., were appointed a Committee to Investigate the facts and Report thereon.

It was then moved and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to examine the late Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts and make report of the amount of the Monies in their hands respectively to the next Quarterly Communication; and also to call upon the late Gr^d. Secretary for all the Books and Papers belonging to the Grand Lodge, and B^r. Bankson, B^r. Poor and B^r. Scot were appointed for the purpose.

A Petition was read from B^r. John Kean relative to a dispute between him and B^r. Leo, which was order'd to be withdrawn with liberty to refer the same to Lodge N°. 52

Lodge Closed in harmony 6 o'clock.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Secr^y.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2d, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

The Rt. W. WILLIAM BALL, Grd. Master.

Thomas Town, Senr. Grd. W.
John Poor, J. Grd. W.
John McElwee, Grd. T.
Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 25 and 61 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form; the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, the Minutes of St. John's Day, and of the Special Communication, January 25th last, being read, and the proceedings of the different meetings of the Grand Committee of Charity since St. John's Day were read as followeth, to wit:

PHILADELPHIA, Decr 31, 5795.

Grand Committee of Charity.

Present:

The Rt. W. Wm. BALL, Grd. Master.

John Poor, Grd. Junr. W.
John McElwee, Grd. T.
Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.
Jacob Bankson, No. 2.
McKaragher, 9.
Coyens, 52.

A Petition from Robert Campble was read,—relief not granted; Petition from Thomas Lawler was read,—relief not granted; Petition from John Lehman was read. It appeared he was unworthy of relief,—rejected; a Petition from Achmed Ben Ali was read and relief was granted, to wit: 30 Dolls.—£11. 5; a Petition of Margret Edmonston was read,—order'd to lie over; a Petition from Ann McGuire was read, and in Consideration her Situation and Circumstances, relief was granted, 15 Doll.,—5. 12. 6; an Application for relief was made by Eleanor Correy through the Junr. G. Ward. She was granted 4 Doll.,—1. 10; an application was made for relief by George Tudor, and the G. Trs. was ordered to relieve

him at discretion sum not Exceeding £3. 0. 0. The case of the Widow Sanders was Continued over. The whole of the several sums, amounting to fifty-seven Dollars. An order was then drawn by the W. G. Master on the late Gr^d. Secretary for One Hundred Dollars, in favor of the present Grand Treasurer, in order to pay the same, as also future Claims should any of a Similar nature come before the said Com^ee. and afterwards the Grand Committee of Charity met pursuant to summonses Issued by order of the R. W. G. Master on the 12 of January, 5795.

Present: Thomas Town, Senr. G. W.
John Poor, Jun. G. W.
John McElwee, G. T.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Sec^y.
N°. 52, Coyens.
59, Hiltzeimer.

The Situation and Circumstances of the Widow Sander being Continued over from last meeting was taken into consideration, which by representation of B^r. Hiltzeimer, appeared peculiar distressing, Twenty Dollars was granted her,—D. 20. Applications were made by Elizabeth Dalton, the widow of John Dalton, and the Widow Rushe; to each were granted Five Dollars. John Flanaghan applied for the Loan of Thirty Dollars, by giving sufficient Security for the repayment thereof in thirty Days, and the same was granted him by Giving a note to the Grand Treasurer with an approved Indorser for the repayment thereof in thirty Days; which several sums, amounting to Sixty Dollars, the Grand Treasurer was ordered to pay.

The Committee appointed to settle the late Grand Treasurer's and the late Grand Secretary's accounts, were discharged, and Bro. Fisher, Bro. Wadman, B. Pancost, Bro. McKarragher and Bro. Griffith were appointed in their stead, and to make report to the next Communication.

The Committee appointed at the Instance of Lodge N°. 2, in the case of W^m. Bell, Reported that they had examined into the nature of the Charge against Lodge N°. 59, and are

of opinion Lodge No. 59 proceeded on mistaken information with respect to Initiating said Wm. Bell in their Lodge and Expressed a wish that all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge would be more Cautious in their proceedings and act consistent with the Constitution of their Order.

The Committee of Correspondence were Continued over.

It was moved and seconded, that the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge passed in the year 1790 be repealed, so far as is contrary to Ahiman Rezon, and Ordered to lie over.

It was then moved and seconded, that a procession be had in the City of Philadelphia on next St. John's Day, which was agreed to, and Bro. Grd. Secretary was requested to inform the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge thereof, by Circular Letter, as also the motion for the repealing of the Bye Laws.

The Committee appointed to Examine the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 62, in the Borough of Reading, Report that they had Examined them and approve thereof.

Lodge Closed at 9 o'clock In Harmony.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secry.

March 17th, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

R. W. William M. Smith, D. G. M.
Thomas Town, G. S. W.
John Poor, G. J. W.
Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.
John McElwee, Grd. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59 and 61 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

An order from the R. W. Grd. Master to Br. Secy. was read, requesting him to summon the Officers of the Grand Lodge in order to lay before them a Petition of a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of

Greensburg, in the County of Westmoreland, Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said Petition being read, and the same being recommended agreeable to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the Petitioners was Unanimously granted, and the Gd. Secy. was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Terrence Campbell, Master; John Hatch, Senr. Warden, and Denny McClure, Junr. Warden, to be called No. 64, Sixty-four.

A Petition was received and read from Wm. Morris Moore, praying relief,—refer'd to the Grand Committee of Charity, who agreed to meet on to-morrow afternoon.

Information was given Relative to the Improper Conduct of James Hardy and Br. Cummings, which was directed to Lodge No. 3, with a desire that they would take the necessary pains to investigate the facts alleged against them, and Br. Grd. Secy. was directed to give Lodge No. 3 Notice thereof.

The Grand Secy. appointed Br. Ebenezer Hickling, Deputy Grand Secy., and he was unanimously approved of.

Lodge Closed in Harmony, 9 o'clock.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.

Philadelphia, April the 11th, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Special Communication.

Present:

R. W. Wm. Ball, Grd. Master.

Thomas Town, G. S. W.
John Poor, G. J. W.
Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secry.
Griffith, G. J. D.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59 and 60 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form, and the R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren he had convened them in order to Lay before them a Petition of a number of Brethren, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Great Bend of the Susquehanna River, in the County of Luzerne.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said Petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeable to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, the Prayer of the Petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Asahel Gregory, Master; John Biddlelom, Senr. Warden, and Elisha Hammond, Junr. Warden; the said Lodge to be called 65, Sixty-five.

Lodge Closed in harmony, 8 o'clock.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Grand Secr^y.

PHILADELPHIA, June the 1st, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R^t. W. WILLIAM BALL, Grand Master.

Thomas Town, Senr. G. Warden.
John Poor, Junr. G. Warden.
Thomas Armstrong, Gr^d. Sec^y.
Jacob Coyens, Senr. G. D., P. Tem.
Mathias Sadler, Junr. G. D., P. Tem.
Ebenezer Hickling, Dep^y. Gr^d. Sec^y.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 46, 52, 54 and 59 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the minutes of the last Communication read, as also the Special Communication since.

A Petition was received from a number of Brethren of Berks County, members of Lodge N°. 46, praying a Warrant may be granted them for dividing the said Lodge and holding a Lodge in Robinson Township in the said County,

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, resolved, that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted, and B^r. Secretary was directed to make out the same in the name of John Christian Baum, Master; Mathias Keller, Senr. Warden, and John Jones, Junr. Warden, and ordered not to deliver the said War-

rant until the said Lodge N$^{o.}$ 46 is removed from the place where the same is intended to be held.

The Committee appointed to settle the late Grand Secretary's and the late Grand Treasurer's Accounts were Continued over, as a Letter from the late Grand Sec'y was read, wherein he mentioned the Indisposition of one of the Members of the said Com$^{ee.}$ as his indispensible Engagements as the reasons why his Accounts were not Settl'd.

The motion with respect to the Alterations of the Bye-Laws of the Grand Lodge were Continued over and B$^{r.}$ Town, Scot, Poor, Hickling and B$^{r.}$ Secretary were appointed a Committee to examine the same and report the next Communication.

On motion and seconded, B$^{rs.}$ Poor, Proctor, Hickling and Griffith were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the Procession on S$^{t.}$ John's Day to such place of Worship as they should agree on.

Closed in harmony, 10 o'clock.

THO$^{s.}$ ARMSTRONG, Gr$^{d.}$ Sec'y.

SAINT JOHN'S DAY, June 24th, 5795.

THOMAS TOWN, G. M., Pro. Tem.

John Poor, Sen$^{r.}$ Gr$^{d.}$ W., P. Tem.

Withins, Jun$^{r.}$ G. W., P. Tem.

Lodges 2, 3, 50, 52 and 62 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form; the Minutes of the last Communication read.

The Committee of Arrangements reported they had made the necessary regulations for the procession.

Returns were Rec$^{d.}$ from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9 and N$^{o.}$ 19, with respect to their Election of Officers and returns of their members; ordered to be Registered.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that the Committee of Arrangements be requested to wait on B$^{r.}$ D$^{r.}$ Smith with the thanks of this Lodge for the discourse by him delivered on this day, and request the favor of a Copy of the same for pub-

lication, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Closed in harmony, 9 o'clock, P. M.

THO^S. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Secry.

AUGUST 26, 5795.

Special Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM M. SMITH, D. G. M.
John Poor, G. W., P. Tem.
Mathias Sadler, J. G. W., P. Tem.
Thomas Armstrong, Grand Sec^y.
John McElwee, G. Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 48, 52 and 59 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

A Petition was then read, subscribed by several Brethren, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in Philadelphia, by the name of Concordia Lodge, and that And^w. Baum may be appointed Master; Henry Voight, Sen. W., and George Willig, Junr. W.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that the pray'r of the Petition be granted, and B^r. Gr^d. Sec^ry. was directed to make out the same accordingly, Numb^d. 67.

A memorial was read from Lodge N°. 19, stating the Situation of B^r. Joseph McCoy as being peculiarly distressing, expressing a wish that this Grand Lodge would advance him a Small Sum of Money on Loan. Refer'd to the Grand Committee of Charity, who agreed to meet on to-morrow Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Closed in harmony, 10 o'clock P. M.

THO^S. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Sec^y.

SEPTEMBER 7th, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present: R^t. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, D. G. M.

Jonathan B. Smith, late G. M.
Thomas Town, Sen$^{r.}$ G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Sc$^{y.}$
B$^{r.}$ Griffith, Ju$^{r.}$ G. D.
B$^{r.}$ Wardman, Sen. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 31, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56 and 59 represented.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form. The Minutes of the last communication, as also the Special meeting since on the 26 August and S$^{t.}$ John's Day previous Read.

A Petition was read from Rachel Hamilton, wife of John Hamilton, praying relief; refer'd to Committee of Charity.

Committee appointed to report on Bye Laws continued; Committee appointed to wait on B$^{r.}$ D$^{r.}$ Smith, &c., Report they have performed that duty, and have Expectations of obtaining a Copy of his discourse. On motion and seconded, resolved, that if the said discourse be obtained, only 300 Copies be printed.

Committee appointed to examine late Gr$^{d.}$ Sec$^{y.}$ accts., reported they had examined them, as also his Vouchers produced and find them Correspond with an account, this Evening exhibited to the Grand Lodge, and that they find a balance due from Grand Lodge to B$^{r.,}$ late Grand Sec$^{y.}$ of twenty-one Dollars and thirty-two Cents.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that the Grand Treas^{r} be directed to give Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52, Credit for a Sum not exceeding £27. 4. 9½ due from the Grand Lodge to B$^{r.}$ Benge upon their producing a Receipt from that Lodge.

On motion and seconded, Resolved, that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of B$^{r.}$ Town for am$^{t.}$ of his acc$^{t.}$ On motion and seconded, the Committee of Accounts were discharged, and B$^{r.}$ McElwee, McKaraher, Hickling, Town and Griffith were appointed in their stead.

On motion and seconded, an Order was directed to be drawn on the Grand Tr$^{r.}$ for one year's Rent for this Lodge Room.

B$^{r.}$ Late Grand Sec$^{y.}$ paid this Evening into the hands of the Grand Treas$^{r.}$ £14 which he rec$^{d.}$ from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 43 as their dues up to S$^{t.}$ John's Day, Dec$^{r.,}$ 5794.

Br. Andrew C. Baum was brought forward and duly Installed W. M. of Lodge No. 67, and proclaimed accordingly.

Closed in Harmony, half after 9 o'clock.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.

Philadelphia, Novemr 17th, 5795.

Extra Grand Lodge.

The Rt. William Ball, Grand Master.

William M. Smith, Depy. G. M.
Jonathan B. Smith, late G. M.
Thomas Town, Senr. G. W.
John Poor, Junr. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Secy.
John McElwee, Grand Trr.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. A Letter was received and Read, signed by Br. Matthias Sadler as G. H. P. of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, by him said to be established under the several Warrants of Lodges No. 19, 52 and 67, held in the City of Philadelphia.

A Petition signed by two Members of Lodge No. 52, one of whom was Br. Grand Secry., was presented and read, stating some Irregular proceedings on the part of the Master and some members thereof; at the same time a Complaint was entered by some Members of the Grand Lodge, as well against said Lodge No. 52, as also Lodges No. 19 and 67.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrants of Lodges No. 19, 52 and 67, be called in and delivered to the Grand Secretary, and suspended until the next Grand Communication—and until further Orders of this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Secretary is required to call on the Masters of said Lodges and demand the afsd. Warrants immediately.

On motion and seconded, the following brethren, namely, the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, Br.

Thos. Town, Br. John Poor, Br. Danl. McKarraher and Br. Duplessis, were appointed a Committee to enquire into the facts set forth in the Petition from the two Members of Lodge No. 52, and into any other facts that may have relation to the introduction of a schism among the Lodges in Pennsylva., and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent any schism in future—and requested to make report on Monday next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., to which time this Grand Lodge adjourned.

MONDAY, November 23d, 5795.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, Grand Master.

William M. Smith, Deputy G. M.
Jonathan B. Smith, late Grd. M.
Thomas Town, Senr. G. W.
John Poor, Junr. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, Grand Secy.

Nine Lodges being represented, and Grand Lodge was opened in ample form ; the minutes of the last meeting read.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of the Members of Lodge No. 52, &c., informed the Grand Lodge they were ready to Report.

On motion and seconded, Resolved, that the Officers and Members of the Lodges whose Warrants were suspended, be permitted to sit in this Grand Lodge during the reading and discussing of the Report of the Grand Committee, but not to take any Part in the Discussion of the said Report; Whereupon, the following Brethren were admitted to seats during the said discussion : Br. Matthias Sadler, late W. M. of No. 19 ; Br. Fisher, of the same Lodge ; Br. Ebenezer Hickling, late W. M. of No. 52 ; Brs. Isaac Price, Thomas Amies, William Franklin, Cadwallader Griffith, George Morton, Danl. Gesford and Thomas Armstrong, Members of the same Lodge ; Br. Andw. Baum, late W. M. of No. 67 and George Willig, of the same Lodge.

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, presented the Report of the said Committee; and, on motion and seconded, the same was read, as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Antient York Masons, And of Masonic Jurisdiction in Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed on the 17th Inst. to enquire into the facts set forth in the Petition from the Members of Lodge No. 52, and into any other facts that may have relation to the Introduction of Schism among the Lodges in Pennsylvania, and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent Schism in future,

Report, that they have paid all attention to the objects of their appointment which the importance and magnitude of them require; and so far as it is proper to commit anything to writing, this Report will contain the substance of their enquiries, reserving to themselves to make verbal statements of all other matters.

The Committee report the following facts respecting a pretended new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, attempted to be instituted in this city.

1. That it is declared and avowed by the Members of the pretended new Chapter that they differ from the Antient mode of working in this City, insomuch that they cannot agreeably to their principles admit to visit their said Chapter any of the old established Arch Masons—and they have in fact refused so to do in divers instances—and that those not in union with them may be conducted through a considerable part of their Work, unsubjected to any restraint.

2. That the innovations were introduced by an individual, by the name of James Molan, who is admitted and acknowledged to have been the only Person in this City who pretended to know the Degree as given in the said New Chapter, and who has not been able to furnish credentials of his having ever been regularly made a Mason in any Degree, and on different occasions has given contradictory accounts.

3. That the Chapter held under the Authority of No. 52

was improperly and arbitrarily declared to be dissolved, as well by the presiding officer thereof, as by the Worshipful Master of N°. 52, the new scheme introduced in lieu thereof, without the said authority of any Lodge, and the written protestations of certain Members notwithstanding.

4. That the said Molan, not a Member of any Lodge under this Jurisdiction, having himself, without assistance, made two Persons by the names of Brown and Denys; those three opened what they call a Chaptér under the pretended sanction of N°. 19's Warrant, used for that purpose without the Authority of that Lodge being first obtained.

5. That the said Molan and his associates, in the absence of the W. Master of N°. 67, and without his Consent or knowledge, or the Officers or Members, availed themselves of the Sanction of the Warrant of his Lodge, to introduce this mode of Working.

6. That several Brethren having been thus pretendedly arched by Molan and his associates, and getting these three Warrants under this Grand Lodge into their possession, and having arched two Brethren, one from Maryland and the other from Georgia, and considering those as having the force of three Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and of one under that of Georgia, and one under that of Maryland, they resolved themselves into a pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

7. That now having, as they suppose, Erected under the sanction of five regular Constituted Lodges, their Grand Chapter, they pretend not only to work without the sanction of any Warrant, but arrogate a power to grant from themselves warrants to others, and do not acknowledge themselves to be under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

8. That sundry Members of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who were Companions of the Established Chapters, have attached themselves to Molan and his assumed powers and pretended Chapter.

9. That the W. Master of N°. 67, B^r. Baum, has given full and ample Testimony to your Committee that his Error has only arisen from want of Caution and misapprehension of the

opinion and advice of some old Brethren, and that so far as his name and concurrence appear Connected with these irregular proceedings, it has been in a great measure without his knowledge and approbation; and further, that on finding the imposition and Evil tendency of the measures, he withdrew himself and has given the most ready obedience to Every order and requisition, and an unequivocal Evidence of his resolution to persevere in discountenancing any such proceedings.

Whereupon your Committee propose the following resolutions:

1. That the said James Molan ought not to be considered and received as a Mason by the Lodges or Brethren under your Jurisdiction, and that his conduct in assuming a Character and powers not belonging to him, has had a tendency to mislead many Worthy Brethren, to introduce an unhappy Schism amongst the Lodges, and ought to be discountenanced.

2. That neither of the three Lodges under your Jurisdiction has authorized the pretended workings of Molan or his followers in the Royal Arch Degree, and that the presence of two Brethren from other States unknown to us and assisting in these practices without the Concurrence of their Lodges, even if they were respectively Masters of Lodges under other Jurisdictions, could not give Validity to their proceedings, and was irregular and disorderly, and tending to destroy the Harmony of the Brethren in this State and that which has hitherto so happily existed between the Lodges and Brethren of the several States.

3. That therefore the said pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter cannot be considered as Legal, and that the Brethren should be ordered to withdraw from and discountenance the same; and that in the Meantime no B^r^ who has joined in their proceedings shall be admitted into any Lodge under this Jurisdiction until he shall have made such satisfaction as shall be deemed sufficient by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

4. That the suspension of the three Warrants, so far as respects the faithful Brethren, be withdrawn, and that the

R. W. Grand Master be requested and authorized to do whatever may be necessary and proper for enabling such Brethren of those Lodges to carry on the work of their Lodges, and, if necessary, to Elect and Constitute new Officers.

5. That Br. Baum, W. Master of No. 67, ought not to be considered as subject to any Censure of this Grand Lodge, but shall be in full and Good Standing.

6. That your Committee have designedly not entered into a discussion respecting the names of the individual Brethren who have been culpable on this Occasion, from a wish to avoid unnecessary severity, and yet, as it is to be feared some have Erred from a disposition inimical to the good order and harmony of the Craft, the Committee recommend that the Lodges be ordered to report to a Committee, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge, the names of all such as have been concerned therein, that further inquiry may be had into their respective Conduct.

Your Committee propose also the following resolution:

Whereas, The Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction over all Lodges of Antient York Masons, held in Pennsylvania, has uniformly been and is duly and Legally vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

And Whereas, The Officers of the different Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge are Constitutionally Members of the Grand Lodge, altho they may not have obtained any Degree above that of Master Mason:

And Whereas, It is the acknowledged right of all regular Warranted Lodges, so far as they have ability and numbers, to make Masons in the higher Degrees, and as it is possible that some differences may Exist or innovation may be attempted to be introduced in those higher Degrees, which for want of some proper place of Appeal may create Schism amongst Brethren:

And Whereas, Since many years there has been established in this City, according to antient forms, a Royal Arch Chapter, under the sanction of the Warrant of Lodge No. 3, whose work has met with the approbation of all visiting Royal Arch Masons from the different parts of the world:

And Whereas, The number of Royal Arch Masons is greatly increased, insomuch that other Chapters are established in this City and in other Parts of Pennsylvania:

And Whereas, It was always contemplated that such Chapters, regularly held, should be under the protection of this Grand Lodge:

And Whereas, It is the prevailing wish of the Royal Arch Masons within this Jurisdiction that a Royal Arch *Grand* Chapter should be opened under the Authority of this Grand Lodge:

Be it therefore, and it is hereby resolved, that a Grand Royal Arch Chapter be opened, under the immediate Sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Be it further Resolved, that all past and existing Officers of the Grand Lodge having duly obtained the degree of Royal Arch, and all past and existing Officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, duly and regularly convened under the Sanction of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be considered as Members of the G. R. A. Chapter, and that all Members of regular Chapters shall be admitted to their meetings, but not have any vote nor speak to any question, unless requested.

Be it further Resolved, that the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold one stated annual Chapter on the Day preceding St. John the Evangelist in Each year, and occasional Chapters when necessity requires; and shall have powers to Elect all its Officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the time being, if of that Degree, shall always preside as H. P.; make its own Bye Laws, and shall hear and decide upon all Complaints and Appeals from Chapters held under Warrants, to be issued under the Authority of the Grand Lodge. But the said Grand R. A. Chapter shall not at any time raise any Brother to the Degree of Royal Arch.

JONATHAN B. SMITH,
THOMAS TOWN,
DANIEL McKARAHER,
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

Philadª., 23 of Novembr., }
Anno Lucis, 5795. }

And the same being read a second and third time and debated on by Paragraphs, Thereupon, on Motion and Seconded, the said Report was unanimously adopted, and the resolutions therein Contained were unanimously Agreed to.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that Br. Matthias Sadler be furnished with a Copy of the said Report and resolutions.

On motion and seconded, Brs. Wadman, Bankson, Town, McKaraher, Poor and Milnor were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the Sixth resolution.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that the Room Committee be discharged and Brs. Town, McKarraher and McElwee were appointed in their stead.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that two hundred Copies of the Report of the Grand Committee and of the proceedings thereon, as also, the proceedings of this Grand Lodge on the Seventeenth Instant, be printed and transmitted to the Lodges under the Jurisdiction, and to such Lodges in Europe, and the different States in America and elsewhere, with whom this Grand Lodge Corresponds.

PHILADELPHIA, Novemr 30th, 5795.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The Rt. W. WILLIAM BALL, Grand Master.

The Rt. W. William M. Smith, Depy. G. M.
Jonathan B. Smith, late G. M.
Thomas Town, Senr. G. Warden.
John Poor, Junr. G. Warden.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Secry.

Eight lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; the minutes of this Grand Lodge on the 17th and 23d. Instant were read.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the 23d. Inst., to carry into effect the Sixth resolution contained in the Report of the Grand Committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge on the said 23d. Inst.,

Reported, that on the 27th Inst., a Committee delegated from the Brethren of the New Royal Arch Chapter met them in Conference, the result of which your Committee submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge:

At a meeting of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, appointed the 23d. Inst., viz., Novem^r. 27th, 1795, and several Brethren of the New Chapter in Conference, The following resolutions of a Committee from the lately established Chapters were agreed to by their Conferees on behalf of the whole Chapters:

Resolved, that we Consent and agree to dissolve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter formed under the Warrants of Lodges, N°. 19, 52 and 67.

Resolved, that as Masons, we acknowledge the Supreme Jurisdiction over all Lodges in Pennsylvania to be vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that without the sanction of a Warrant from or the Authority of the said Grand Lodge, no Lodge or Chapter can be legally opened or held within the Jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge.

Signed by Br^s. MATTHIAS SADLER,
ISAAC PRICE,
CADWALLADER GRIFFITH and
GEORGE MORTON.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of the above resolutions, do recommend the following resolution, expressly leaving the said Chapter in the situation it now is, if this resolution is not adopted:

Resolved, that there now exists a perfect harmony among the Brethren in Pennsylvania, and that the several Brethren who have been suspended be and are hereby restored, and that all matters and things done in the Grand Lodge, affecting the private and individual rights of said Brethren, be and are hereby done away and repealed.

Signed by Brs. PRAISE WADMAN,
THOMAS TOWN,
JOHN POOR,
JACOB BANKSON,
DANIEL MCKARAHER,
JAMES MILNOR.

On motion and seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Lodge accede to the two Resolutions of the Committee appointed on behalf of the Brethren of the late Established Royal Arch Chapter.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, that the resolution reported by the Committee of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby unanimously adopted. On motion and seconded,

Resolved, that the Warrants which have been suspended be restored, and the suspended Members who have joined the late Grand Royal Arch Chapter be restored to their former situation and dignity under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. And the said warrants were restored to their representing officers, who were accordingly admitted to their Seats, and recognized as in full and Good Standing.

Whereupon, the R^t. W. Grand Master congratulated the restored Lodges and the Brethren thereof upon the renewal of harmony, and gave such advice as was suited to the Occasion.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that the thanks of this Lodge be given to the two Committees for their indefatigable pains in bringing about a Restoration of harmony and Unanimity among the Brethren, which was the object of their appointment.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make the minutes of this Communication as publicly known as those of the preceding meetings of this Grand Lodge, The mode and manner of which was left to the Grand Secretary, and the R^t. W. Deputy Grand Master was requested to assist him.

Closed in harmony, two o'clock, P. M.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Sec^ry.

PHILADELPHIA, Decem^r 7th, 5795.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, G. M.

The R. W. William M. Smith, D. G. M.
Thomas Town, Sen. G. W.
Jacob Bankson, J. G. W., P. Tem.
Thomas Armstrong, Gr^d. Sec^y.
John McElwee, G. Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 41, 47, 51, 52, 56, 57 and 67 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, and the subsequent meetings of this Grand Lodge Read.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren this was the Stated Communication for the Election of Grand Officers for the Ensuing year, and at the same time desired the Brethren to Elect another Grand Master in his stead, as his age and health would not permit him to discharge the duties incumbent on him which the importance of the Office required.

Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot, and the following Brethren were duly Elected:

The R^t. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., Grand M.
The R^t. W. William M. Smith, Esqr., Dep^y. G. M.
Thomas Town, Sen. Grand W.
John Poor, Jun. G. W.
John McElwee, G. T.
Thos. Armstrong, Esqr., G. Sec^ry.

A Letter was read on behalf of B^r. Gislin stating his situation and praying relief. Refer'd to the Committee of Charity. A Letter was also read from B^r. I. Thomas praying relief; refer'd to same Committee.

On motion and seconded, B^r. Town, Bankson and Armstrong were appointed a Committee to wait on the R^t. W. G. Master Elect and inform him thereof, and present him an Extract of these minutes. The Committee appointed to wait on the Rev^d. D^r. Smith for a Copy of his discourse were Continued over; also the Committee appointed to report on the Bye Laws of this Grand L. were Continued.

On motion and seconded, B^r. Bankson, Milner and Duplessis were appointed a Committee to examine and Settle the accounts of the Grand Tr. and Grand Sec^y. and report to next S^t. John's Day.

On motion and seconded, Br. Wm. M. Smith, Hamilton and Duplessis were re-appointed a Committee of Correspondence for the Ensuing year.

Closed in harmony, 9 o'clock.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.

Decemb. 25th, 5795.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The Rt. W. William M. Smith, Deputy Grand M.
Thomas Town, Senr. Grand W.
John McElwee, G. T.
Jonathan B. Smith, late G. M.
Thomas Armstrong, Grd. Secy.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 52, 56, 59 and 67 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and so much of the minutes were read as referred to the Election of Grd. Officers.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Rt. Worshipful Grand M. Elect and inform him thereof, reported they had performed that duty and presented him an Extract of the Minutes relative thereto, and received from him at the same time a Letter, in which he declined the acceptance of the office, which Letter being presented, on motion and seconded, the same was read as follows, viz.:

Rt. W. Brethren:

In Communicating to me that the Rt. W. Grand Lodge at their last Communication had been pleased to Elect me Grand Master, you will readily believe that you address'd all my attachments and feelings for the Craft. To a mind of the least sensibility to passions which dignify the Man and the Philanthropist, it is a flattering and Enviable distinction to be called to preside over a Society of Free Masons. Under these impressions it is with regret that I feel it a duty I owe to myself and to the Rt. W. Grand Lodge and the Brethren to decline

an acceptance of the honors they offer and the duties of the Station. I must, therefore, request that you will be pleased to report to the R^t. W. Grand Lodge that I am sensible of the sacred Obligation to contribute whatever may be in my power to serve the Craft. Yet that I must beg their permission to decline the elevated and important station to which they have been pleased to call me, assuring them that my exertions shall be continued in the more humble Sphere as long as the impression made by this fresh instance of partiality for supposed past services shall remain in a grateful heart. Had not an unavoidable attendance at the time on the duties of a public Station detained me from the Communication, I most certainly should have avoided to the R^t. W. Grand Lodge the trouble of a Second Election.

With every sentiment of respect, I am yours, &c.,

J. B. SMITH.

Decem^r. 10th, 1795.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the resignation of The R^t. W. G. M. Elect was accepted, and the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot and the R^t. W. William Moore Smith, Esqr., was duly Elected Grand Master, which he was pleased to accept.

Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot for a Deputy G. M., and The R^t. W. Matthias Sadler was duly Elected Deputy Grand Master, which he also was pleased to accept.

Closed in harmony, one o'clock, P. M.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Sec^ry.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Decem^r 28th, 5795.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R^t. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Esq., D. G. M.

Thomas Town, Senr. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, G. S^y.
John McElwee, G. Tr.
J. B. Smith, late W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 67 represented.

A Grand Lodge opened in ample form.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication read as far as concerns the Election of Grand Officers; also the Minutes of the Extra Grand Lodge relative to the resignation of the R^t. W. G. M. Elect and the Election of other Grand Officers. Objections being made by some of the Brethren present to the validity of the Election on the 25 Instant, and both the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master Elect declared to the Grand Lodge that they conceived it proper to resign their appointments in order that the Grand Lodge might proceed to a New Election, and the said resignations being accepted, the sense of the Grand Lodge was taken on the two following Questions:

1. Whether in case of a Grand Officer Elect at the Stated meetings for the Election of Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge declines accepting his Appointment, it's necessary to specify in the Summonses for a Special meeting of the Grand Lodge called for an Election to supply his place, the particular business of the meeting? Carried in the affirmative.

2dly. Whether in the Choice of all Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, a Majority of the Members present is not essential to the said choice? This was also carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Brethren proceeded to the Ballot, and the R^t. W William Moore Smith, Esquire, was unanimously re-elected Grand Master and Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Deputy Grand Master. The R^t. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., was pleased to take the Chair, and by his request B^r. Town Installed the R. W. Grand Master Elect, who, having resumed the Chair, was proclaimed by B^r. Grand Sec^y. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such agreeable to antient Custom and usage. B^r. Thomas Town, Senr. G. W., was then Installed by B^r. John Poor, and afterwards he installed B^r. John Poor, Junior Grand Warden. B^r. Duplessis installed B^r. John McElwee, Grand Treasurer, and B^r. McKarraher installed B^r. Armstrong, Grand Sc^y.

Returns were received from Lodges No. 2, 3, 9, 19, 50, 52, 56 and 67, and ordered to be registered on the Grand Lodge Books.

The Rt. W. G. M. then appointed the following officers for the Ensuing Year:

Revd. Dr. Andrews, G. C.
Br. Cusack, G. S. B.
Br. Pancost, S. G. D.
Br. Griffith, J. G. D.
Br. McKarraher, } Grd. Stewards.
Br. Ewing, }
Br. Correy, Grd. Pursuivant.

Br. Town, McKarraher and McElwee were appointed a Room Committee for the ensuing year.

Adjourned till next Saturday P. M., 5 o'clock.

Closed in harmony, 2 o'clock.

THOS. ARMSTRONG, Grd. Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, January 2d, 5796.

Special Grand Lodge.

Present:

The Rt. W. WILLIAM SMITH, G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
John McElwee, G. T.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Scy.
J B. Smith, late W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 41, 54, 56, 59 and 67 represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and the minutes of the last meeting read.

Br. Duplessis, at the request of the Rt. W. G. M., Installed Br. Gavin Hamilton, Deputy G. M., who was accordingly Saluted by the Brethren Present. A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, expressing the wish of the said Grand Lodge that a Correspondence could

take place between the same and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Refer'd to the Committee of Correspondence to draw and send an answer thereto, and Br. Jonathan B. Smith was added to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Petition was received from Margaret Edminston, Widow of a decd. Br., praying relief; refer'd to the Grand Committee of Charity.

A Resolution was read relative to the Lodges neglecting to make their returns, or shall be in arrear with the said Grand Lodge more than one year's dues, shall be prohibited from voting in this Grand Lodge, so long as the said returns and payment of dues are neglected. On motion and seconded, the same was referred to the Committee appointed to Report on the Bye Laws.

A resolution was presented and read, that the Grand Secy. be ordered to collect the Warrants of such Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who cease to meet according to the stated periods designated by Ahiman Rezon. Order'd to lie over.

On motion and seconded, the Masters of the different Lodges were ordered to make return to the Grand Secretary, as soon as Convenient, of a list of all the past masters Entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge.

On motion and seconded, Br. Price was added to the Committee who were appointed to settle the Grand Tr. and Grand Secy. accounts in the room of Br. Bankson, Deceased.

A Communication was presented and read from the Grd. Lodge of England; referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Closed in harmony.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Scy.

Philadelphia, March 7th, 5796.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present.

The Rt. W. William Moore Smith, G. M.

Gavin Hamilton, D. G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Scy.
John McElwee, G. Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 52, 59, 61 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form. Br. John P. Schott, Master of Lodge No. 61 in Luzerne County being present.

This Lodge called off from labor to refreshment for a Short space of time; this Lodge afterwards called from refreshment to Labor to dispatch the business of the Evening.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication and the subsequent meetings of this Grand Lodge read.

The Committee appointed to settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secy's. accounts reported that they find a balance in the hands of the Grand Tr. on December 27th last, of £94. 15. 1. That they also find a Balance in the hands of Br. G. Secy. on December 27th last, of 46 Dolls. $\frac{26}{100}$, which sum was by him this Evening paid into the hands of Br. Grand Tr.

The Committee appointed on the Bye Laws were continued over, Except Br. Scott and Br. Hickling and Brs. Price, Israel and Milner were appointed in their Stead.

On motion and seconded, Br. J. B. Smith, Hamilton, Town, Poor and Israel were appointed a Committee to devise a Scheme for raising a Sum of Money to Build a Lodge Room, and make enquiry for a Suitable Lot for the purpose.

A Letter was received from the Officers of Lodge No. 5, held at Trenton, New Jersey, in behalf of said Lodge, praying a Donation to defray the expense of a building they had Erected for a Lodge Room. Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Comee of Charity reported they had met on Jany. 5th, last, and had granted the following donations:

to Br. Gislen,	Dolls.	22
Walter Correy,		13
Margaret Edminston,		12
Widow Beck,		5
Mary Nowland,		12
	Dolls.	64

Which Report this Grand Lodge Confirmed.

On motion and seconded, the resolution relative to Br. Grand Secy. calling in the Warrants of such Lodges who Cease to meet was postponed, and instead thereof a Committee, viz.: Brs. Milnor, Morton and Price, were appointed to enquire what Lodges have Ceased to meet according to the periods designated by Ahiman Rezon.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that all the monies of this Grand Lodge be paid into the hands of the Grand Tr., and that he be authorized and Impowered by the advice and Consent of the W. Deputy G. Master to vest the same in some productive fund for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Closed in harmony, 9 o'clock.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Scy.

Philadelphia, March 21, 5796.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Present: The Rt. W. William M. Smith, G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
Matthias Sadler, J. G. W., P. Tem.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Scy.
John McElwee, G. Tr.
Cadwallader Griffith, S. G. D.
Robert Orr, J. G. D., P. Tem.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 31, 59 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form, when the Rt. W. G. M. informed the Brethren that a Warrant had been applied for holding a Lodge in the Town of Mifflin, in the County of Mifflin. A Petition from a number of Brethren was then read, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the said Town of Mifflin, and that Ezra Doty may be Constituted Master; Thomas Evans, Senr. Warden, and Robert Cooper, Junr. Warden. Whereupon, on motion and seconded, resolved, that the prayer of said Petition be granted,

and Br. Grand Secy. was requested to make out the same accordingly.

This Lodge Adjourned till Six o'clock this Evening.

Closed in harmony, 2 o'clock, P. M.

THOs. ARMSTRONG.

MARCH 21, 5796.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: THOMAS TOWN, G. M., P. Tem.
An^w. Nelson, Senr. G W., P. Tem.
Matthias Sadler, J. G. W., P. Tem.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Scy.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 31 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form, and Br. G. Secy. produced a Warrant made out agreeable to request, and then Br. Ezra Doty was brought forward and installed in the Degree of the Chair as W. Master of a new Lodge to be held in the Town of Mifflin and Numbered 68, and being placed in the Chair, the Warrant of the said Lodge was delivered him, and he was saluted by the Brethren and recd. from the W. G. Master, P. Tem., instructions suitable to the occasion. No other business being before this Grand Lodge,

Closed in harmony, 7 o'clock.

THOs. ARMSTRONG, Grd. Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16, 5796.

Extra Grand Lodge.

The Rt. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Grand M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Scy.
John McElwee, G. Tr.
J. B. Smith.
Gavin Hamilton, W. D. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 56, 59 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form. A Petition from a number of Brethren praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Tioga Point was presented and read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Br. J. B. Smith, one of the Committee appointed to devise a Scheme for raising a Sum of Money for the purpose of building a Lodge room, informed the Rt. W. G. Master the said Committee were ready to report, and then Br. J. B. Smith presented their Report, which was read by the Rt. W. Grand M.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, resolved, that 300 Copies of the same be printed, and Br. Gd. Secy. was requested to have it done and distribute them among the different Lodges.

On motion and seconded, resolved, that the same Committee be Continued and invested with power to contract for a suitable Lot to build a Lodge Room on.

Closed in harmony, half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Scy.

Philadelphia, May 23, 5796.

The R. W. Gavin Hamilton, D. G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
Israel Israel, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Scy.
John McElwee, G. T.
Cadwr. Griffith, S. G. D.
Willig, J. G. D., P. Tem.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 51, 56, 59 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form; the Minutes of the last Extra meeting read.

Br. Grand Scy. informed this W. Grand Lodge he had 300 Copies of the Report of the Committee printed, and distributed them accordingly. The Petition for holding a Lodge at Tioga Point was Continued. This R. W. G. L. proceeded on the

Report of the Committee, Which report was then read and debated on by Paragraphs, and having made some progress, This Rt. W. G. L. adjourned till next Monday Morning, 10 o'clock.

Closed in harmony, 2 o'clock.

THOS. ARMSTRONG, G. Scy.

MAY 30th, 5796.

Extra Meeting of this Grand Lodge pursuant to adjournment.

The Rt. GAVIN HAMILTON, D. G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Scy.
Br. Wilkins, S. G. D.
McDonald, J. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 52 and 56 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form; minutes of the last meeting read.

Despatches from the Rt. W. Grand Lodge of England were received by Br. Grand Scy., and presented to the Rt. W. D. G. M., which were read, Containing the Rules and regulations for the Government of their holy Royal Arch Chapter, as supported by the Antient Grand Lodge of England; also, the Transactions of the said Grand Lodge for the years 1794 and 1795, Containing a list of their Grand Officers for the year 1796, which, together with two Copies of Certificates, the one their G. L. Certificate and the other their Holy Royal Arch Certificate, were Inclosed in a Letter, which, being read, was ordered to be Entered on the Minutes of this Rt. G. L., and is in the words following, viz.:

RT. WORSHIPFUL AND MUCH ESTEEMED BROTHERS:

We are favored with your despatches of the 26 November last, with Duplicates of your former Letters, and of 17th Augt., 1794, the Originals of which never came to our hands, otherwise they would have been readily answered, with every in-

formation, advice and assistance, that our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge could possibly give to you upon the occasion. Your R. Worshipful Grand Lodge, the Guardians and protectors of the Immunities and privileges of the Society, invested with ample power for the Good Government of the warranted Lodges in all Degrees of Masonry under your Jurisdiction, could not without the highest injustice to the Antient Craft, But have acted with that firmness and Justice which you have manifested upon the pretended assumption of a Grand Lodge or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons being formed independent of and without the sanction of your R^t. W. Grand Lodge.

The Justice and moderation of your proceeding, however painful to you or to us for the time being, Certainly has and will Ever have our most sincere and hearty support. Truth and Justice, with perseverance, will always prevail, and produce the happy Effect, particularly in the Masonic World, of uniformity; harmony and order will ever be the means of handing those valuable blessings to posterity unchanged and without Schism.

We have very much to regret the loss of your former despatches, as before now you would have been in full possession of every necessary information and regulation, adopted and taken by our R. W. Grand Lodge, particularly respecting that of the highest Degree of Masonry, the Royal Arch, and which we are happy to assure you is Conducted with us with the most happy Effect, conducive to the General uniformity and good order of the whole Masonic Body in this Kingdom.

We herewith inclose you the last revisal of our Regulations and orders in this particular, which has met with the Sanction of our R^t. W. Grand Lodge, and the unanimous approbation of the Brothers, with a proof Copy of our G. Royal Arch Certificate.

We have opened a Brotherly Correspondence and union with the Grand Lodge of New York as well as Maryland, and will be happy and are anxious and desirous of doing so with the other R^t. W. the Grand Lodges, Legally formed and in union with you in the different States of America, and we

trust and Confide in your Zeal and Attachment in the forming a Compact, the utility of which must be so very conducive to the uniformity and preservation of the Antient Craft in both Countries.

By order of the Grand Lodge.

We are, with sentiments the most regardful,
And wishes the most sincere,
For your collective and individual happiness,

ROBT. LESLIE, Secy.
THOS. HARPER, Depy. G. S.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said Letter of Communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

This Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Consideration of the Report of the Committee by Paragraphs, and having made some progress, adjourned till to-morrow Evening, Six o'clock.

Closed in harmony

THOS. ARMSTRONG, Grd. Secy.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31, 5796.

Extra Grand Lodge.

The Rt. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, G. S.
John McElwee, G. Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 52 and 56 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form; the Minutes of the last meeting read.

The Report of "The Committee appointed to devise a Scheme for raising a Sum of Money to Build a Lodge Room" was then taken up, considered, and after a few Amendments, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered in the Minutes, as follows:

They recommend that a Sum of Money be raised by Subscription, for the foregoing purposes, in the manner and on the terms following:

That the Subscribers shall be known by the name of the Pennsylvania Free Mason Hall Association.

That the Subscriptions shall be in Shares of ten Dollars Each.

That the Grand Lodge, and Lodges, and any Brother in good Standing, may subscribe any number of Shares they please, on the Terms following:

On each subscription for a single Share, shall be paid at the time of subscribing Ten Dollars.

On Each subscription for two to five Shares, shall be paid at the time, one-half of the sum subscribed, and the other half at the Communication in December next.

On Each Subscription for Six to Ten Shares, shall be paid One-third at the time, One-third at said December Communication, and one-third at the Communication in March following.

On each Subscription for Eleven to twenty Shares, shall be paid at the time one-fourth, and one-fourth at December Communication; one-fourth at March Communication, 1797, and one-fourth at June Communication following.

On each Subscription for more than twenty Shares, shall be paid at the time one-sixth, and one-sixth at the several Communications in December, March and June following; and two-sixths at the succeeding Communication in September.

That for all future payments Notes shall be given, and in Case any instalment or note shall not be paid within ten Days after the same shall come due, the monies paid by the delinquent subscriber shall be forfeited, and the sum so forfeited shall go to the Credit and use of the Grand Lodge, and Constitute Shares in the name of the Grand Lodge; the Interest thereof to be applied to the purposes of the Grand Lodge Charity fund.

That a printed Certificate, sealed with the Seal of the Grand Lodge, and Signed by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and Grand

Treasurer, shall be delivered for Each Share subscribed and fully paid; which Certificates shall be transferable by the Stockholder, his Heirs or Representatives only to the Grand Lodge, or any Brother in Good Standing, in such manner as the Association shall direct.

That at all meetings of the Association, in cases of voting or ballot, The Stockholders being Brethren in Good Standing, shall have One vote for every Share they hold not exceeding Ten, and one additional vote for Every two Shares from Eleven to twenty, and one vote for every five Shares exceeding twenty; provided, that in electing the Hall Committee, the Grand Lodge, nor any subscribing Lodge, shall have a vote; and that in other Cases, their vote, or votes, as the case may be, agreeable to this article, shall be given by the senior officer present, or their Proxy.

That, in order to carry the foregoing resolutions into Effect, a Committee of five Members be appointed by the Grand Lodge, who shall take Subscriptions, receive Monies and Notes, and give receipts therefor. They shall report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, every Quarterly Communication, with the names of the Subscribers, and the sums by them respectively subscribed and paid. They shall deposit monies received, amounting to one hundred dollars, in the Bank of Pennsylvania; and having four hundred dollars or more, shall vest the same in some productive Stock, and receive the Interest or emoluments arising therefrom, and vest the same in other productive Stock, and may transfer or raise money on the said Stock, or any part thereof, for the purposes above mentioned. When one thousand Shares shall be subscribed, the Committee shall Certify the same to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who shall direct notice to be given by the Grand Secretary to the Subscribers to meet at the Grand Lodge Room, at a time Specified, to choose nine managers, who shall be Subscribers, and during their continuance in trust, must be actual Members of some Lodge, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall superintend the Election, and make return of the Managers elect to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who thereupon shall direct notice to be

given to them of their election, and call on them to enter on the execution of their trust, or he shall refer the said Report, if any objections shall be made against said Election, and all matters touching the same, to the Grand Lodge. In the latter case he shall direct the Committee to continue in the discharge of the duties enjoined on them, till the sense of the Grand Lodge shall be known, and every difficulty obviated. Of this he shall give notice to the Managers elect, and shall on giving notice in either case direct the Committee to deliver over and transfer all the Books, Papers, and Property of every kind, real property excepted, which shall always be held in the name of the Grand Master in trust, with a Schedule thereof, to them, who shall give a receipt for the same, a duplicate of which schedule and receipt shall be lodged among the archives of the Grand Lodge, and the Committee shall be discharged from any further duties respecting the premises.

That the Managers so elect, together with the four Grand Officers, and the presiding Officers of subscribing Lodges, for the time being (but a majority of the elected managers may act, due notice having been given to all the Members of the Committee) shall be called the Pennsylvania Free-Mason's Hall Committee, and shall act till the next St. John the Evangelist's Day. The Managers shall be elected on the Saturday preceding every St. John's day. The Hall Committee shall transact all such business respecting this Concern, as shall be directed at a General meeting of the Subscribers. They shall continue to receive subscriptions till Four thousand shares shall be subscribed for. They shall purchase or procure a suitable Lot of Ground, for the purpose of erecting thereon buildings and accommodations, to be made, set apart, and appropriated for the use of the Grand Lodge, and of the Lodges in and near this City, and other masonic purposes, and in such form, as that part of the said Buildings will produce an Annual Income to the Association, without incommoding the Lodges, or interfering with their ample and complete accommodation, which is hereby declared to be the primary object and intent of this contribution. The Hall Committee shall have the Lodge Rooms completely furnished

and kept in order, have the House occupied to the best advantage of the Association and the Lodges; receive all the Rents, Interest and Emoluments arising from the Property, of whatever kind; and pay all demands whatever against the Association, by orders on their treasurer, signed by their Chairman, and countersigned by their Secretary.

The Committee shall make a Statement of their accounts, to be laid before the annual meeting of the Association, and declare a dividend on the profits of each Share, up to the time of the Communication preceding St. John's day, yearly, and pay the said dividend on St. John's, yearly. The Committee shall be subject to the controul of the Association, and such Bye Laws as they may enact, as to all expenditures, and other acts. They shall chuse their own Chairman, and also their Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be actual Members of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, while they continue in said trust. The Committee shall meet on the Monday following their Election, and afterwards on their own adjournment, and on the call of their Chairman, and a request in writing by any twenty stockholders, stating the special occasion.

The Stockholders shall hold an annual stated meeting, on the Day preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, unless said St. John's Day shall happen on Monday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the Saturday preceding. They may adjourn their meetings from time to time, and may be convened by the Hall Committee, when the said Committee shall Judge it necessary, and when fifty Stockholders or more, by application in writing to the Committee, request it, stating the object intended; and in this last case no other business shall be considered or determined upon, except by consent of all the Stockholders present. At the said annual meeting, the Association shall elect Managers for the ensuing year, and receive reports of the Hall Committee for the year past. At the stated and other meetings of the Association, subject to the restrictions aforesaid, they may give instructions to the Hall Committee, devise measures for the advantage of the General Concern, and for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge and

Lodges, and pass orders and Bye Laws for their own Government and that of the Hall Committee; any regulations affecting the Grand Lodge, or Masonic interest, or accommodations, shall be laid before the next ensuing Communication of the Grand Lodge, and receive their approbation, before they shall be deemed to be in force. The Grand Lodge shall have the free use of all the accommodations for Masonic purposes, provided from time to time, private Lodges shall have the uninterrupted use thereof, in an Equal distribution of time, as nearly as may be, conformable to the present arrangement of the Grand Lodge, under the directions of a Room Committee, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge, and paying such reasonable Rent therefor, as the Hall Committee shall from time to time direct.

In case any dividend shall not be called for within one year after it becomes due, it shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, and be invested in some productive property, to aid in forming a perpetual Charity fund, the interest of which only shall be expended.

But if the Proprietor, or his representatives, apply for the same within five years, the principal received shall be paid to him or them.

In Case of the death of the Proprietor of any Share or Shares, without Heirs, and not having made disposition thereof, the property in the same shall vest in the Grand Lodge, for the uses, and subject to the restrictions, mentioned in the foregoing article.

In Case of the death of a Stockholder, and the Widow or Children needing the Principal, in the opinion of the Grand Committee of Charity, the Grand Lodge may, and if their funds arising from failures or other incidents under this Article will admit, shall pay the same at the original value, to the Widow and Children, or either of them, as the said Grand Committee of Charity shall direct, and the property shall then vest in the Grand Lodge.

A Stockholder dying, having made no disposition of his Stock, and leaving Widow or Children, the Grand Committee of Charity shall yearly, as a dividend becomes due, direct the

distribution among the Widow and Children, or Either of them, or both, in such manner as their respective Circumstances may require.

In Case of a Demise of a subscribing Lodge, their shares shall vest in the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as in the Case of Stockholders dying without Heirs.

The titles to Property purchased, or held by the Association, shall be in the name of the Grand Master, in trust, for the uses expressed in these Articles.

Public Notice shall be given by the Grand Secretary, of every proposed meeting of the Association, two weeks before the Day of meeting.

It is understood and conceded, that the full and entire right and title to the Monies to be subscribed, and all manner of property to arise or accrue therefrom, vests in the Grand Lodge, subject to the uses and purposes aforesaid, and that all interest and claim, other than in and of the dividend to be made as aforesaid, is, from the day of subscription, divested from the Subscribers: And further, that the said dividends be considered as unalienable but in the manner aforesaid, and as accruing for the use and benefit of the Widow, Children, Heirs, or Representatives, of the Subscribers, or their assigns only, as aforesaid.

The Grand Lodge will, so far as is Consistent with the principles of Masonry, exert their influence with all the Lodges in this City and Vicinity, under their Jurisdiction, or in Connection with them, to meet in said Building, and with all Lodges under its Jurisdiction, to aid the present plan.

On motion and seconded, B^r^. Grand Secretary was requested to have five hundred Copies of the said Report as amended printed, and inform the Members of this Grand Lodge in their summonses, that a Committee will be appointed at the next Communication to receive Subscriptions.

Closed in harmony, 9 o'clock.

THO^s^. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d^. Sc^y^.

JUNE 6, 5796.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

The R^t. W. W^m. M. SMITH, G. M.

Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, G. Sc^y.
Cadwallader Griffith, S. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 31, 52, 56 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge open'd in ample form; the Minutes of the last Communication and the subsequent meeting read.

B^r. Grand Secretary informed this R^t. W. G. Lodge he had, agreeable to request, five hundred Copies of the Report of the Committee printed.

A Petition was received and read, signed by some Brethren who had withdrawn from Lodge N°. 31 at Norristown, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia. On motion and seconded, agreed that the same be Continued over to the next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee on the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge, as also the Committee appointed to enquire what Lodges had ceased to meet agreeable to the periods designated by Ahiman Rezon, were likewise Continued over to the next Quarterly Communication.

The Grand Committee of Charity reported they had met on the 8th of March last, and on Considering the different applicants for relief, had granted the following donations:

To B^r. Gislin,	10 Dolls.	
To B^r. Peter Love,	20	
To Widow McGuire,	10	
To Widow Hewston,	5	45 Dolls.

Which Report this R^t. W. Grand Lodge Confirmed.

This R^t. W. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the appointing a Committee to receive Subscriptions for raising a Sum of Money to Build a Lodge Room, and the R^t. W. Deputy G. M., B^rs. Israel, Sadler, Hiltzeimer and B^r. Grand Treasurer were nominated and unanimously agreed to.

Br. Grand Secretary was then requested to procure suitable Books for the said Committee to Enter the Subscriptions and to Notify the absent Brethren of their appointment, that they may enter upon the execution of their duty. On motion and seconded, resolved, that this Rt. W. Grand Lodge will take three hundred Shares of the subscription to be made, and Br. Gd. Treasurer was requested to subscribe that number of Shares on behalf of this G. Lodge.

A Petition was read from Br. James Keel, praying relief; referred to the Grand C. of Charity.

Adjourned till next St. John's Day, 10 o'clock, A. M.

THOS. ARMSTRONG, Grd. Scy.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, June 24, 5796.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The R. W. Wm. M. SMITH, G. M.

Gavin Hamilton, D. G. M.
John Poor, S. G. W., P. Tem.
Israel Israel, J. G. W., P. Tem.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Scy.
John McElwee, G. Tr.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 61 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form. Returns were then presented and read from the following Lodges, containing a List of their Officers, &c., for the next ensuing Six months, viz.: No. 2, David Ewing, W. M., John Boyd, Senr. W. and Samuel Lees, Junr. W.; No. 3, Israel Israel, W. M., Isaac Hough, Senr. W. and Frederick Worpert, J. W.; No. 9, Andw. Nelson, W. M., Thomas Stewart, S. W. and Henry Kinsley, J. W.; No. 19, Matthias Sadler, W. M., Wm. D. Brow, S. W. and Thomas Dennis, J. W.; No. 52, Cadwallader Griffith, W. M., Lawrence Sink, Sen. W. and Benjamin Paschal, J. W.; No. 51, Robert C. Lattimore, W. M., Peter Tilly, S. W. and Procopio Pollock, J. W.; No. 59, Robert Orr, W. M., Joseph Burrows, S. W. and Robert Jackson, J. W.; No. 67, Andrew

Baum, W. M., —— Willig, S. W. and —— Shultz, Junr. W., which said Returns and Members thereunto annexed, were order'd to be registered in the Grand Lodge Books.

Information was rec'd that Bro. Hiltzeimer, who had been appointed at the last Communication, one of the Committee to receive subscriptions declined serving, and on motion and seconded, B^r. Isaac Price was appointed in his stead.

A Petition was received and read, signed by a number of Brethren residing in and near the Borough of Chester, Delaware County, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the said Borough, and that W^m. Martin may be constituted Master; James Bernard, Sen. W., and William Pennel, J. W., and on motion and seconded, the prayer of the said Petition was Granted and B^r. Grand Secretary was requested to make out a Warrant accordingly.

A Petition was receiv'd from Policarpo Juan Meredentha praying relief; referred to the Grand Comm^ee. of Charity.

Closed in harmony, 12 o'clock.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Sec^y.

PHILADELPHIA, July 6, 5796.

Extra Grand Lodge.

THOMAS TOWN, G. M., P. Tem.

David Ewing, S. G. W., P. Tem.

Andrew Baum, J. G. W., P. Tem.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 31, 52, 56 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form.

A Petition from a number of Brethren residing at and near Tioga Point was presented and read, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge at Tioga Point, in Luzerne County, and that Arnold Colt may be constituted Master; Stephen Hopkins, Sen. Warden, and Ira Stevens, J. Warden. Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the prayer of the said Petition was granted and B^r. Grand Secretary was requested to make out a Warrant accordingly.

Closed in harmony, 12 o'clock.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Sc^y.

SEPTEMR 5th, 5796.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

WILLIAM M. SMITH, R. W. Grand Master.
Thomas Town, Senr. G. W.
John McElwee, G. T.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thos. Armstrong, Grd. Secy.
Cadwallader Griffith, S. G. D.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 56, 59 and 67 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form; the minutes of the last Quarterly communication, also the subsequent meeting read.

The Petition which had been continued over from last Communication, signed by a number of Brethren who had withdrawn from Lodge 31, praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia by the name of Orange Lodge, and that William Nelson may be constituted Master; Alexander Moore, Senr. W., and John Thompson, Junr. W., was now taken under Consideration, and the prayer of the said Petition was granted, and Br. Grand Secy. requested to make out a Warrant accordingly, and to be Numbered 71.

The Committee on Bye Laws and the Committee who were appointed to enquire what Lodges had ceased to meet, &c., were Continued over.

Br. William Martin, who had been Constituted W. M. in the Warrant granted him to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Chester, No. 69, appearing this Evening, was installed by the R. W. G. Master as Master of said Lodge, and saluted according to antient custom.

A Letter was received and read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing a list of the Grand Officers of the said Grd. Lodge; referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Committee of Charity reported they had met on July 10 last, and had granted Br. Stiel fifteen Dollars; that they had also met on the first of August last and Granted Hemp-

hill Scott twenty Dollars; which Reports this R. W. G. Lodge Confirmed.

A Letter was received from Martin Royer, requesting to be refunded certain expenses he had been at in the funeral, &c., of Peter Love; referr'd to the Grand Committee of Charity.

Closed in harmony, 9 o'clock.

THO^s. ARMSTRONG, Gr^d. Sec^y.

DECEMBER the 5th, 5796.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

Present: WILLIAM M. SMITH, R^t. W. G. M.
Gavin Hamilton, D. G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Sc^y.
John McElwee, G. Tr.
J. B. Smith.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 52, 54, 56, 59, 61, 67 and 71 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form; the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication read.

A petition was received from B^r. John Mathis praying relief, and on Motion and Seconded, Special order was taken on the same, and an order was directed to be drawn on the Treasurer for twenty Dollars, to be paid Into the hands of B^r. Erwin, Master of N°. 2, to supply the immediate wants of said Petitioner, and his Petition was referred to the Grand Comm^ee of Charity. Petitions were likewise received from B^r. Daniel Doran and the Widow of B^r. John Denny Mulhollon, praying relief; referred to the same Grand Committee.

Returns were Received from Lodge N°. 45 containing a list of their Officers and Members from the Commencement of their Warrant; order'd to be registered on the Grand Lodge Books.

A Communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, accompanied with a Book of Constitutions.

On motion and seconded, referr'd to the Grand Committee of Correspondence, who were requested to draw up an Answer to the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge on next St. John's Day.

On motion and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to frame an Address to be presented on the ensuing Feast of St. John, Decem^r. 27th., to the Great Master Workman, our Illustrious Br. Washington, on the occasion of his intended retirement from Public Labor, to be also laid before the said Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, and the Rt. W. Grand Master, Deputy G. M., Brs. Sadler, Milnor and Williams, were accordingly appointed.

The Rt. Worshipful Grand Master then informed the Grand Lodge this was the Day appointed for the Election of Grand Officers for the Ensuing year. Br. Grand Secretary informed the Brethren that his professional Business and other Engagements prevented his Attention any longer to the duties the importance of the Office required, and requested they would Elect another Grand Secretary in his stead.

Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to the Ballot and following Brethren were duly Elected:

The Rt. William Moore Smith, Esqr., Grand Master.
Gavin Hamilton, Deputy G. M
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, Esqr., J. G. W.
George A. Baker, G. Secy.
John McElwee, Grd. Treasurer.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Decr 27, 5796.

Grand Lodge.

Present:

The Right Worshipful William M. Smith, Esqr., G. M.
Thomas Town, S. G. W.
John Poor, J. G. W.
Thomas Armstrong, G. Secretary.

John McElwee, G. Treasurer.
Cadwallader Griffith, S. G. D.
James Milnor, J. G. D.
Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., late R. W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 50, 52, 67 and 71 represented.

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form. The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The Lodge then proceeded to the instalment of the Officers elect, when the Right Worshipful William Moore Smith, Esqr., was duly installed and proclaimed as Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and Saluted as such according to Ancient Custom and Usage. Brother Praise Wadman, by direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, then Installed Brother Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden; Brother Thomas Armstrong, Junior Grand Warden; Brother John McElwee, Grand Treasurer and Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then appointed the following Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:

Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
James Milnor, Esqr., Junior Grand Deacon.
Reverend Doctor John Andrews, Grand Chaplain.
Richard R. Cusack, Grand Sword Bearer.
Thomas Proctor, Grand Marshal.
Daniel McKaraher and David Irving, } Grand Stewards.
Thomas Town, Daniel McKaraher and John McElwee, } Room Committee.
Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant.
John Whelan, Grand Tyler.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to our Brother George Washington, President of the United States, presented an Address by them drawn up, which was ordered to be read, and was in the words following, to wit:

"To George Washington, President of the United States,

"The Address of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Most "Respected Sir and Brother: Having announced your In- "tention to retire from *Public Labor* to that *Refreshment* to "which your pre-eminent Services for near Half a Century "have so justly entitled you, Permit the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania at this last Feast of our Evangelic Master St. "John, on which we can hope for an immediate Communica- "tion with you, to join the grateful Voice of our Country in "acknowledging that you have carried forth the Principles of "the Lodge into every Walk of your Life by your constant "Labors for the prosperity of that Country, by your unremit- "ting Endeavors to promote Order, Union and Brotherly "Affection amongst us, and lastly by the Vows of your Fare- "well Address to your Brethren and Fellow Citizens; an Ad- "dress which We trust our Children and our Children's Chil- "dren will ever look upon as a most invaluable Legacy from "a *Friend*, a *Benefactor* and a *Father*. To these our grateful "Acknowledgments (leaving to the impartial Pen of History "to Record the important Events in which you have borne so "illustrious a part) permit us to add our most fervent prayers, "that after enjoying to the utmost Span of Human Life every "Felicity which the Terrestrial Lodge can afford, you may be "received by the great Master Builder of this World and of "Worlds unnumbered into the ample Felicity of that *celestial* "*Lodge*, in which alone distinguished Virtues and distin- "guished Labors can be eternally rewarded."

It was then Moved and Seconded, that the same be adopted. Upon the question being taken it appeared that it was approved of. On Motion and seconded, it was agreed that a Committee be appointed to wait on Brother Washington to acquaint him that it is the intention of this Grand Lodge to present an Address to him, and to know what Time he shall be pleased to appoint to receive it. The Committee appointed to perform this Duty were Brothers William Smith, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis and Thomas Proctor, who, after having waited on him, Reported that he had appointed to-morrow at 12 o'clock to receive it. Said Committee, to wit: Brothers W. Smith, Duplessis and Proctor, together with the R. W. G. M.,

D. G. M., Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Secretary and the Masters of the different Lodges in the City, were then appointed a Deputation to present the said Address.

The Report brought forward by the Grand Committee of Correspondence on the Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts stated that the First and Second Articles of the said Communication came within and were conformable to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, but upon the Third Article contained in the said Communication they made the following Motion: "That this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with, or admit as visitors, any Masons resident in this State, who hold authority under, and acknowledge the Supremacy of any other Grand Lodge within the same, or who do not by their Representatives communicate and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge." Which Motion having been Seconded, was after some debate thereon, Ordered to be continued over for further Consideration.

A Petition from a number of Brethren residing in and near this City was read, Setting forth that they had Separated from Lodge No. 67 held in this City, and praying a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, and that Bro^r. Andrew Baum may be constituted Master; Bro^r. George Willing, Senior Warden, and Brother Christian Schitz, Junior Warden. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, it was agreed that the prayer of the said Petition be granted, and that the Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, to be numbered 72.

On Motion and Seconded, it was agreed that the present Grand Committee of Correspondence, consisting of Brothers Gavin Hamilton, W. D. G. M., Peter Le Barbier Duplessis and Jonathan Bayard Smith, be continued for the ensuing year.

On Motion made and Seconded, Brothers James Milnor, David Irving and Andrew Baum, were appointed a Committee for the settlement of the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's Accounts.

On Motion made and Seconded, that Brother Thomas Arm-

strong, J. G. W., have leave to deliver an Oration, which he was prepared to deliver, in the Lodge Room, which being allowed of, Brother Armstrong delivered an Oration and received the thanks of the Lodge.

A Petition from Margaret Edminston, Widow of Brother John Edminston, deceased, was read praying Relief. Ordered, that it be referred to the Grand Committee of Charity.

The following Returns from Lodges were received containing Lists of their Members, &c., as also of their Officers for the ensuing 6 months, to wit:

N°. 2. David Irving, Mr.; Samuel Lees, S. W.; John Kessler, J. W.

3. Israel Israel, Mr.; Fredk. Wolbert, S. W.; Jno. Barker, Senr., J. W.

19. Mattsh. Sadler, Mr.; Wm. Skinner, S. W.; Wm. Potter, J. W.

50. Jno. Hutchinson Coats, Mr.; Danl. Massey, S. W.; Cromwell Pierce, J. W.

52. Cadwr. Griffith, Mr.; Lawrence Sink, S. W.; Savage Stillwell, J. W.

59. Robert Orr, Mr.; Joseph Borroughs, S. W.; Robt. Jackson, J. W.

67. Henry Voigle, Mr.; Thos. Bradley, S. W.; Wm. Shippen, J. W.

71. Wm. Nelson, Mr.; Alexr. Moore, S. W.; Jno. Thompson, J. W.

On Motion and Seconded, it was agreed that this Grand Lodge should be adjourned to Monday Evening next, at 6 o'clock, at which time the Installation of R. W. D. G. M. should take place, and the Motion made respecting the Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be taken into further consideration.

Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 2 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, January 2nd, 5797.

Adjourned Lodge, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

This Lodge met pursuant to Adjournment.

Present:

The Right Worshipful WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.

" Gavin Hamilton, junr., Depy. G. M.
" Thomas Town, S. G. W.
" Thomas Armstrong, J. G. W.
" George A. Baker, G. Secy.
" David Irwing, G. Tresr., pro Temp.
" William Nelson, S. G. D., pro Temp.
" Frederick Wolbert, J.G.D., pro Temp.
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., late G. M.
" Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 55, 59, 65, 67 and 71 represented.

Lodge opened in Ample Form agreeable to Adjournment, Twelve Lodges being represented.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Credentials appointing Brother Thomas Town, the W. S. G. W., to represent Lodge No. 65 in this Grand Lodge were read, and Brother Town was accordingly recognized as representing the said Lodge.

The Worshipful Gavin Hamilton, junr., was then Installed as Deputy Grand Master, and proclaimed as such.

The Motion made at the last Communication respecting part of the Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was again taken into Consideration, and some Time spent in debating thereon, but upon Motion made and Seconded, the further Consideration of the same was postponed until the next Quarterly Communication.

The Deputation appointed on St. John's Day to present the Address on that Day agreed to, to Our Brother George Washington, Reported, That they had waited on him and presented him the said Address, and that he had returned them an Answer, which is in the words following: "Fellow-Citizens and "Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: "I have re-"ceived your address with all the feelings of Brotherly Affec-

"tion mingled with those Sentiments for the Society which it "was calculated to excite. To have been, in any Degree, an "instrument in the Hands of Providence to promote Order "and Union, and erect upon a Solid foundation the true "principles of Government, is only to have Shared with many "others in a labour, the result of which, let us hope, will prove "through all Ages a Sanctuary for Brothers, and a Lodge for "the Virtues. Permit me to reciprocate your Prayers for my "Temporal Happiness, and to Supplicate that we may all "meet thereafter in that eternal Temple whose builder is the "great Architect of the Universe."

Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 6, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Junr., Deputy Grand Master.
" Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., late Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esqr., Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Milnor, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelan, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 45, 51, 59, 65, 67, 71 and 72 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly and Adjourned Communications were read.

The minutes of the Standing Committee of Charity of their Meetings in January, February and March instant, were then read and approved of.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 42 which was formerly held at Savannah, in Georgia, was read; it was accompanied with D^s. $51\frac{87\frac{1}{2}}{100}$, said to be the Arrears due from said Lodge to this R. W. Grand Lodge; said letter was dated 26th May, 5795, and was forwarded on ✠ Bro^r. Joseph Habersham.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Novia Scotia, dated 2nd Decem^r., 5796, was read; it enclosed a List of the Officers of the said R. W. G. Lodge, as also a List of sundry late Expulsions made by them.

Bro. Israel Israel presented the Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge, which, on Motion made and Seconded, was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was read a Second Time.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the same lie over for Consideration until the next Quarterly Communication.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that 200 Copies of the said Report be Printed and transmitted to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for consideration.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 14, held at Wilmington, was read; it advised that Brothers John Sellers and John Bail, Two of their Members had been appointed to represent that Lodge in this Grand Lodge; the said Brethren were therefore duly recognized and took their Seats.

On Motion made and Seconded, an Order was drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Bro^r. Poor, for the Sum of 3½ Dollars, which Brother Milnor represented had been paid by the Committee on the Bye Laws for Engrossing their Report.

A Petition from Brother Israel Israel and divers other Brethren was read, praying that Brethren who have passed the Chair by Dispensation may not be considered as Members of the Grand Lodge. On Motion made and Seconded, it was Ordered to lie over until the next Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Israel Israel communicated that a Lodge was said to be held in this City by a number of people of Black Colour; that in consequence of an Invitation, he, together with Several other Brethren, went to visit them last Week at an House in Front Street, where they were then holding a Lodge as they called it, but that he found they were not acquainted with the Mysteries of the Craft.

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Masters of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction be informed that it is the Order of this Grand Lodge that none of the Members of our Lodges visit the said pretended Masons of Black Colour, on pain of Expulsion.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 20th, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Brot. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" William Nelson, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 56, 59, 61, 65, 71 and 72 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

A Petition from Tanguy de La Boissiere and others was read Stating that since they had been favoured with a Dispensation

from the Right Worshipful Grand Master for holding a Lodge in this City, they had carried on their Masonic Works with that Zeal they conceived to be the Duty of all good Masons; that their Works, they trusted, would meet with approbation, and now pray that a Warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in this City under the Name of the French Lodge Amenity, and to be Numbered agreeably to the Bye Laws of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and that the said Tanguy de la Boissiere may be constituted Master; Gabriel Decombaez, Senior Warden, and Armand Caignet, Junior Warden.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the prayer of the said Petition be granted. Upon the question being taken it appeared that it was carried in the Affirmative. A Warrant was thereupon Ordered to be made out agreeably to the prayer of the said Petition, and to be Numbered Seventy Three.

A Petition from Daniel Grant, a Mason in Distress was read praying some relief; referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

A Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of New York, dated 1st March, 1797, containing a List of the Officers of the said R. W. G. Lodge and a list of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, was read.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated 1st March last, enclosing a Pamphlet containing divers of their Minutes and Regulations, and a list of Rejections and Expulsions, was read.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, dated 6th of March last, enclosing the Constitution, Bye Laws and Ordinances, and Sundry Minutes of the said R. W. G. Lodge, as also lists of Rejections and Expulsions, was read.

A List of Members of Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, dated 8th March last, was read.

A Report from said Lodge No. 43, dated 17th April last, was read; it Communicated the rejection of J—— G—— of the Borough of Lancaster, on the 12th of April.

A Certificate of the Expulsion of W—— K—— from Lodge No. 3, was read.

A Report from Lodge No. 19, of the Rejection, W—— Y——, Cordwainer, was read.

Returns were receiv'd of the Members of Lodges N°. 61 and 65.

Lodge closed in Harmony at ½ past 12 P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 22nd, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
George Willig, 72, Senr. Grand Warden, pro Temp.
Francis Deimling, 72, Junr. Grand Warden, pro Temp.
George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Cook, Junr. Grand Deacon, pro Temp.

A Grand Lodge was Opened in ample form.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then Installed Brother Tanguy de La Boissiere, Master of the New Lodge, called the French Lodge Amenity, numbered Seventy Three, to be held in the City of Philadelphia or within Five Miles thereof, delivered him his Warrant, and Invested him with the Jewel of his Office, and having been placed in the Chair, he was Saluted by the Brethren.

Lodge Closed in Harmony at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 5th, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Thomas Armstrong, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. William Shippen, Senr. Grand Deacon, P. T.
" William Nelson, Junr. Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 57, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly and Extra Communications were read.

The Secretary Reported that since the last Quarterly Communication the Committee of Charity had not at either of the Stated Times of Meeting made a quorum, and therefore no business had been done by them.

The Report of the Committee on Bye Laws was then taken up. The First article therein having been read and some time debated upon, the Petition which had at the last Quarterly Communication been presented and read, praying that Past Masters by Dispensation may not be considered members of this Grand Lodge was called for and read, after which the debate on said First Article was continued for some time, when

On an Adjournment being called for, this Grand Lodge was Adjourned until this Day Fortnight, being the Nineteenth instant, at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon.

Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 19th, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.

R. W. Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Milnor, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample Form.

The Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws was then up for further Consideration.

The First Section of the said Report was then read.

A Motion was made and Seconded to insert the words "*to "be made in future,*" after the word "past Master," in that part of the said Section which says "but no past Master by Dis- "pensation shall as such be a Member of this Grand Lodge," so that the same would read *but no past Master to be made in future by Dispensation shall as such be a Member of this Grand Lodge;* after some time spent in debating on the same, the question was taken when it appeared that the said Amendment was adopted.

It was then moved and Seconded, that the words, "and "such Past Masters as have served Six Months in the Chair "of some such Regular Lodge," be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof, *and a representation in the proportion of One for every Fifteen Members of which each Lodge respectively may consist;* after considerable debate the Yeas and Nays were called for to be taken by Ballot, which being done it appeared that the motion was lost, their being 36 votes for and 41 against it.

The said Section as amended then read as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall consist of the "Grand Officers for the Time being, the past Grand Masters, "past Deputy Grand Masters, past Grand Wardens, the

"present Masters and Wardens of all regular Lodges under "this Jurisdiction, and such Past Masters as have served Six "Months in the Chair of some such regular Lodge, but no "Past Master to be made in future by Dispensation, shall as "such, be a Member of this Grand Lodge; nor shall any Per-"son be a Member of the same, unless he is also a Member of "some regular Lodge under this Jurisdiction."

Upon the question being taken it appeared that the said Section as the same was amended was agreed to.

The further Consideration of the said Report was then Postponed.

Grand Lodge then Closed in Harmony at One O'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, 24th June, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present:

The R. W. THOMAS TOWN, Grand Master, pro Temp.
" Thomas Armstrong, Senr. Grand Warden, p. T.
" Praise Wadman, (P. M., No. 2,) Junr. Grand Warden, p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" Felix McCarthy, Junr. Grand Deacon, p. T.
Brother Ghislin, Grand Pursuivant, p. T.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler,
Brother Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., late R. W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 65, 67, 71 and 73 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly and Adjourned Communications were read.

Returns were received from the following Lodges by which

it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected Officers of their respective Lodges, viz:

No. 2. David Irving, Mr.; John Kessler, S. W.; John Phillips, J. W.

3. Frederick Wolbert, Mr.; Jno. Barker, Senr. W.; Saml. Israel, J. W.

9. Andrew Nilson, Mr.; Henry Kinsley, S. W.; Brinton Estell, J. W.

19. Matthias Sadler, Mr.; William Potter, S. W.; William Johnson, J. W.

21. Matthew Henry, Mr.; John Irwin, S. W.; William Connolly, J. W.

50. Cromwell Pearce, Mr.; John Bull, S. W.; William Davis, J. W.

51. Robert Lewis, Mr.; Charles Patton, S. W.; Peter Leo, J. W.

52. Cadwallader Griffith, Mr.; Robt. C. Murray, S. W.; Henry Sweitzer, J. W.

57. Nicholas Wynkoop, Mr.; John Torbert, S. W.; Christn. Wertz, J. W.

67. Thomas Bradley, Mr.; William Shippen, S. W.; Adam Franks, J. W.

68. Ezra Doty, Mr.; Thomas Evans, S. W.; Robert Cooper, J. W.

71. William Nelson, Mr.; Alexander Moore, S. W.; Jno. Thompson, J. W.

72. Andrew Baum, Mr.; George Willig, S. W.; Christn. Scheetz, J. W.

73. Tanguy de la Boissiere, Mr.; Gabriel Decombaz, S. W.; Armand Caignet, J. W.

From the foregoing Returns the following Expulsions and Rejections of Candidates appeared, viz.:

Lodge No. 2, W—— M——, J—— R——, R—— H——, T—— S——, J—— H——, J—— A——, Expelled; W—— C——, House Carpenter, Rejected.

No. 3, W—— K——, Expelled.

No. 9, R—— R——, Expelled.

N°. 21, T—— M——, J—— B——, A—— S——, T—— C——, Expelled; W—— McG——, J—— M——, an Ancient Mason, S—— G——, A—— K——, W—— McF——, S—— H——, G—— H——, Rejected.

N°. 68, E—— W——, Rejected.

Ordered, that the different Accounts which accompanied the foregoing returns be examined by the Committee of Accounts.

The Petition of Bro^r. Bartholomew Von Heer praying relief was read.

Ordered, that it be referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Jane McGowan, setting forth that she is the Widow of the late Major John McGowan, that she is in the greatest Distress and praying relief was read; it was represented to the Grand Lodge that the Petitioner is not the Widow of the late Major McGowan, and that She is a person unworthy the Notice of this Grand Lodge, whereupon, the said Petition was Ordered to be thrown under the Table.

The Petition of Carolus Bartholomeus Maria D. Smith was read; it Stated that he is a Mason and at this Time in the greatest distress and prays some assistance. Referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

Brother Cadwallader Griffith presented an Acc^t. of the expenditure on Monies collected by himself and Bro^r. Thomas Amies, from several Lodges in this City for the use of Bro^r. Joseph Dorr, who was in distress, whereon, Bro^r. Griffith stated that a balance of D. $1\frac{67}{100}$ remained in their Hands which they were ready to pay over to the Grand Treasurer.

Referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity for Settlement.

The Credentials of Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, appointing him Proxy of Lodge N°. 21, held at Harrisburg, were read, and Bro^r. Smith was duly recognized as Proxy of the said Lodge.

A Letter was read from Lodge N°. 21, setting forth that in consequence of the Irregularity with which business had been conducted in Lodge N°. 21, a large part of the Sum due to the R. W. G. Lodge has never been paid into the Treasury of N°.

21, and was now Irrecoverably lost, therefore praying that the Grand Lodge would remit such part of the dues as in their Wisdom they should think proper, promising to transmit the balance as soon as Resolution of the G. Lodge shall be made known to them and to be punctual in the payment of their future Annual contributions.

Referr'd to the Stewart's Lodge.

The following Resolution passed the 20th instt., in Lodge No. 3, was read, to wit: "From the deranged State of the Funds "of Lodge No. 3, for some years past the members, (the most "of which are new) feel desirous that a Settlement should take "place between this Lodge and the Grand Lodge. The Grand "Lodge has for years past been indebted to No. 3, for consid-"erable advances, articles of Furniture, and expences incurr'd. "No. 3 on the other hand has not made any regular Settle-"ment for some years past. Lodge No. 3 submits the pro-"priety of balancing accounts to this day and exchanging "receipts, beginning from St. John's Day next, a new account; "they have appointed five of the Brethren, namely: John "Barker, Senr., John Smith, Thomas Town, John Poor and "Samuel Israel to confer with a committee of the Grand "Lodge, if the said Grand Lodge should deem it necessary to "bring the Old Standing Accounts to a close, and have vested "in these Brethren as above, the power of Settling the Ac-"counts."

Whereupon, Brothers McKaraher, McElwee, Armstrong, Irving and Baker, were appointed a Committee to confer with the said Committee of No. 3, and to come to such Settlement of the said accounts as to them shall appear most proper.

A Copy of the New Bye Laws lately adopted by Lodge No. 2, were receiv'd from the said Lodge. Brothers Town, Nilson and Griffiths were appointed a Committee to peruse the same and compare them with the Constitution to see that no part of them is repugnant thereto, and to make their Report at the next Quarterly Communication.

The Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 52, informed the Grand Lodge that said Lodge No. 52, has lately formed a New Code of Bye Laws. The above mentioned Committee on the Bye

Laws of N°. 2, were directed to proceed in same manner with those of N°. 52 and Report as above.

A Letter from the African Lodge, as they Style themselves, held in the City of Philadelphia, was read, requesting this Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to inspect, and if deserving, to acknowledge them, &c., &c., and praying our protection.

Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts received in December last, was now taken up, the consideration of the Motion which was made in consequence thereof on St. John's Day last in the words following: "That "this Grand Lodge will not hold Communication or corre-"spondence with, or admit as visitors, any Masons resident in "this State who hold Authority under and acknowledge the "Supremacy of any other Grand Lodge within the same, or "who do not by their Representatives communicate and pay "their dues to this Grand Lodge," and which was continued over for further Consideration, was resumed. After some debate thereon, the question was taken, when it appeared that the said Motion was agreed to, there being but Two dissenting Voices. On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Committee of Correspondence Answer the said Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and acquaint them with our proceedings thereon.

The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of New York, which was read the 20th May last, was now again read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to Answer.

The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Connecticut, which was read the 20th of May last, was now again read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to Answer.

The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Virginia, which was read the 20th of May last, was now again read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to Answer.

Lodge closed in Harmony at 2 o'clock.

George A. Baker,
Grand Secretary.

On Account of a Contagious Disease which raged in the lower parts of the City of Philadelphia, the regular Quarterly Communication was not held on the first Monday, being the Fourth day of September, 1797.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th December, A. L. 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Depy. Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senr. Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong, Junr. Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bror. William Nelson, Senr. G. Deacon, p. T.
" John A. Lewis, Jun. G. Deacon, p. T.
" John Whelon, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 56, 59, 62, 65, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented this Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last meeting of this Grand Lodge being of St. John's Day last, were read.

The Minutes of the different meetings of the Standing Committee of Charity, held since St. John's Day last, were read and Approved of.

A Communication from the R. W. G. L. of North Carolina, dated Halifax, July 19, 1797, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Communication from the R. W. G. L. of New Hampshire was read. Referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Communication from the R. W. G. L. of Maryland was read. Refer'd to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Return was received from Lodge N°. 63, held at the Town of Lewes, in the State of Delaware, whereby it appeared that J—— W——, late a Member of that Lodge, had been expelled the 3d Feby. last.

A Letter from Secretary of Lodge N°. 9, informing of the Rejection of J—— D. P——, (who Petitioned to be Initiated in that Lodge,) on the 7th of July last, was read.

A Return of the Election of Officers in Lodge N°. 43, of St. John's Day last, was recei'd, whereby it appeared that the following Brethren were elected Officers, viz.:

John Miller, Junr., W. Mr.; Wm. Hamilton, S. W.; Peter Getz, J. W.

A representation from Lodge N°. 73, stating that Brother Gabriel Decombaz's affairs having been in a deranged Situation and he having left this country, a Committee had been appointed by them to make enquiry respecting his dealings and transactions; that the same Committee had Reported that the Nature and Amount of his Engagements could not admit of the last Suspicion of his Honesty; that he had been ruined by a certain Frank de la Roche; that he was but unfortunate and entitled to their Regret and Sympathy, and expressing a hope that while this R. W. G. L. lament Bror. Decombaz's misfortunes, they will at the same time acknowledge his Honesty. On motion the same was referred to Brothers Jonathan B. Smith, Duplessis, and Jno. McElwee, who are to report thereon.

A Petition from No. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware State, was read; it Set forth that from various causes, such as Death, Removal, Inability, &c., of Brethren, they had been reduced to such a State of inaction as that they had, (four Lodge nights excepted,) been forced to close their labors from the 25th August, 1791, to the 30th March, 1797, at which Time they had opened their work with a fair prospect of a Sufficient Number of Workmen again to carry on the Rules of the Craft with Harmony and Brotherly Love, and praying that considering the small number of Brethren, and the exhausted State of their Funds, this R. W. G. L. would release them from all those dues in which they Stand indebted, or at least during their Six years' inaction.

On Motion, the same was referr'd to Bro^rs.^ Irving, Wolbert and Andrew Nilson to Report thereon.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 60, held at Brownsville, Fayette County, and dated 20th October last, was read; it was accompanied with their Returns of Members, &c., from the Commencement to St. John's Day last, whereby, it appeared that H—— B—— and G—— R——, had been Expelled; and J—— B——, G—— S——, J—— W——, J—— P——, S—— F——, J—— G—— and E—— H——, had been Rejected by them. Their account of Lodge dues to the same Time, amounting to D. 77$\frac{32}{100}$, which had been previously paid into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer; their Election Return of St. John's Day last, returning Bro^r.^ Charles Wheeler, M^r.^; Chas. Ford, S. W.; Benjn. Hough, J. W., and a Copy of their Bye Laws, which on Motion were referr'd to Bro^rs.^ Town, William Nelson and Baker to Report thereon.

The Report of the Committee appointed last St. John's Day on the accounts of Lodge N°. 3 with this G. L., was read, and approved of, whereby the following Articles formerly belonging to Lodge N°. 3, have become the property of this G. L., to wit:

Bible, at the cost of	D^s.^ 7.57
Cushing	9.30
Floor Cloth	32.
3 doz. Chairs	36.
Chandelier	29.06
4 Benches	12.
	Doll^s.^ 125.93

and the said Accounts stand finally closed and Settled up to St. John's Day last.

The following Documents from Lodge N°. 62, held in Reading, were received and read, to wit:

Election Return of December, 1796, Returning Bro^r.^ John C. Baum, M^r.^; Wm. Mannerback, S. W.; Jno. Spyker, J. W. Election Return for June, 1797, Returning B^r.^ John C. Baum, M^r.^; Wm. Mannerback, S. W.; Jno. Spyker, J. W., and a Commission duly Executed appointing Bro^r.^ Andrew Baum their Proxy, who was recognized as such accordingly.

The Committee of Correspondence presented Copies of Letters written by them in Answer to the late Communications from the G. Lodges of New York, Virginia, Connecticut and Massachusetts, and a Letter written by them to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts respecting the African Lodge (as they style themselves,) held in this City, all of which were ordered to lie on the table.

The R. W. G. Master then informed the Brethren that this was the Day appointed by the Bye Laws for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. At the same time he mentioned that for divers reasons, it was not convenient for him to Serve in the Chair any longer, and therefore requested that some other Brother might be chosen to fill the same.

The Lodge (after having been called off for a short time from Labour to refreshment,) then proceeded to the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following Brethren were duly elected, viz.:

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq$^{r.}$, Grand Master, unanimously elected.
" " Gavin Hamilton, Dep$^{y.}$ Grand Master.
" " Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" " David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" " George A. Baker, Grand Secretary, unanimously.
" " John McElwee, Grand Treasurer, unanimously.

On Motion made and Seconded, Brothers Duplessis, Baum and Baker were appointed a Committee to wait on the R. W. G. M. Elect, and acquaint him that he has been unanimously elected to fill the Office of G. M. for the ensuing year.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the Lot of Ground in this City, which our late Jos. Dean presented to this G. L. when he was in prosperity, be given to his Widow (who is now in very reduced circumstances,) during all the Term of her Natural Life, so that any Incomes and Profits arising thereout during all that Time be for her own Use and Benefit.

Ordered to lay over for Consideration.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that there be a Procession on S$^{t.}$ John's Day next. On the question being taken, it was negatived.

Brothers William Moore Smith, Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis were appointed a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The Minutes of this Evening were then read, after which Lodge Closed in Harmony at 10 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Wednesday, Decem^r 27th, 5797.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Present:

The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senr. Grand Warden.
" William Nelson, Junr. Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffiths, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" John Boyd, Junr. Grand Deacon, P. T.
" John Whelan, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The R. W. William Moore Smith then proceeded to the Installation of the R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, the Grand Master elect, which being duly done, he was Thrice proclaimed by Brother Grand Secretary, Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to Ancient Custom and Usage.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect not attending, his Installation could not take place.

Brother Duplessis, by desire of the R. W. G. M., then proceeded to the Installation of

Bro^r. Thomas Town, as Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, as Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, as Grand Secretary, and
" John McElwee, as Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. G. M. then Addressed the Lodge on the Subject of his Election, Whereupon, a Motion was made and Seconded, "That the R. W. G. M. be pleased to accept the Thanks of "this Grand Lodge for his precious instruction and Affection-"ate Address delivered this Day, and that he be desired to "favour this Grand Lodge with a Copy thereof to be entered "on the Minutes of the Day for the information and remem-"brance of the Brethren," which request the R. W. G. M. promised to comply with.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, viz.:

Lodge N°. 2. Return of Members, &c., up to this Day, Returning 66 Standing Members. Their Account of Grand Lodge dues up to this Day amounting to Doll^s. 21.60, and Their Election Return of Officers for the Ensuing Six Months, Returning David Irving, Master; John Kessler, Senior Warden; John Phillips, Junior Warden; Edward Robinson, Secretary, and John Cope, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9. Their Return of Members, &c., up to this Day. Returning 43 Standing Members and Their Election Return for the ensuing Six Months, returning for officers, Andrew Nilson, Master; Henry Kinsley, Senior Warden; James McConnell, Junior Warden; Thomas Cave, Secretary, and Daniel McKaraher, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 19. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Mathias Sadler, Master; William Potter, Senior Warden; William Skinner, Junior Warden; Matthew Watson, Secretary, and Peter Benson, Treasurer; and a List of the Past Masters of N°. 19.

Lodge N°. 52. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Cadwallader Griffith, Master; Henry Sweitzer, Senior Warden; Jacob Eglee, Junior Warden; William Deas, Secretary, And a Notice of the Expulsion of J—— F——, the 15th November last.

Lodge N°. 59. Their Return of Members, &c., up to this Day, Returning Standing Members and the Rejection of W—— W——, 8th Augt. last. Their Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to this Day amounting to Dolls. $17\frac{4}{100}$, and their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Robert Jackson, Master; Richard Collings, Senior Warden; Robert Ralston, junr., Junior Warden; Robert McElwee, Secretary; John McElwee, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 67. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Thomas Bradley, Master; John Meriam, Senior Warden; Michael Leib, Junior Warden; Lodewyk Sharpe, Secretary; Adeum Eckfeldt, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 72. Their Return of Members, &c., up to this Day, returning 26 Standing Members. Their Account of Grand Lodge dues up to this Day amounting to Ds. $7\frac{93}{100}$, and Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Christian Scheetz, Master; John Cook, Senior Warden; William Von Pheel, Junior Warden; Francis C. Deimling, Secretary; Joseph Blacine, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 73. Their Return of Members, &c., up to this Day, returning 31 Standing Members, and Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Tanguy de Le Boissiere, Master; James Raybaud, Senior Warden; Joseph Henry Chevalier, Junior Warden; Peter Robert Brance, Secretary; John Baptiste Loir, Treasurer.

A Petition from a number of Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in the Town of Concord, Fannet Township, in the County of Franklin, which being recommended agreeable to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on Motion made and Seconded,

Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of John Johnston, Master; Thomas Wright, Senior Warden, and James Widney, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be called N°. 74.

Bro^r. Grand Secretary presented a Book which was sent him from the Post Office on the 6th inst. He Stated that it was enclosed in a packet addressed "The Worshipful the Master,

Freemason's Lodge, Philadelphia;" that upon opening the packet he found it to contain the said Book without any Letter or other paper accompanying it; that upon making enquiry at the Post Office through what channel it reached there, he learnt that it had been received per Ship Fair America, from Plymouth. The Title Page of the said Book reads as follows: "This is the Light which is promised shall cover "the Earth as the Waters cover the Sea, Isaiah 11 : 9; Habak. "2 : 14. The true Knowledge of God and Man, of the great "Sabbath on Earth, and of the Restoration of all Things, "with some essential remarks on the Duty we owe to our Cre-"ator. London, Published at N°. 2 Walbrook, and may also "be had of any Bookseller in the world, 1797. Entered at "Stationers' Hall."

The Committee at St. John's Day in June last, to inspect the Bye Laws of Lodges N°. 2 and N°. 52, made Report that they had examined the Bye Laws of those Lodges and found nothing repugnant to Masonry contained in them; Which Report was Approved.

The Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication on the Petition of Lodge N°. 5, Reported that upon taking the premises into consideration, it was their Opinion that Lodge N°. 5 should pay the Sum of Thirty Dollars into the Charity Fund, which Report upon Consideration was Ordered to be Recommitted; and on Motion made and Seconded, the Grand Secretary was directed to write to Lodge N°. 5, acquainting them that by reason of their long inaction they could not Constitutionally work under their Warrant without the Sanction of this Grand Lodge; that he recommend to them to transmit their Warrant to this Grand Lodge, attended with their Petition, Setting forth all the facts contained in their late representation to this Grand Lodge, and praying therein that this Grand Lodge would Authorize them to carry on their works under the said Warrant, So that upon the said Petition, this Grand Lodge may, by endorsement on said Warrant, Authorize and Empower them again to carry on their Works under the same.

The Committee of Correspondence presented Copies of Let-

ters, written by them in Answer to the late Communications received from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina, Maryland and New Hampshire, which were Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Minutes of this Day were then read, and this Grand Lodge was Adjourned, (at 2 o'clock P. M.,) to meet again on the Third Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

In the Evening of St. John's Day, December 27th, A. L. 5797, in Lodge No. 71, held in the Grand Lodge Room, in the City of Philadelphia, a Master Mason's Lodge being opened in the presence of the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., Grand Master; Brother Baker, Grand Secretary, presented to the R. W. Grand Master the new Warrant Ordered this Day to be made out in the Names of John Johnston, Master; Thomas Wright, Senior Warden, and James Widney, Junior Warden, for holding a Lodge to be called No. 74 in the town of Concord, in Franklin County, completely finished and Recorded.

Whereupon, Brother William Nelson, W. Mr. of Lodge No. 71, by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, installed Brother John Johnston according to Ancient Form, the said Warrant No. 74, together with a Book of the Constitution and the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge, were thereupon delivered him, and he was recognized as Master of Lodge No. 74 and Saluted accordingly.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 15th, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro^r. James Milnor, Senior Deacon, pro Temp.
" Michael Casey, Junior G. Deacon, pro Temp., (No. 71.)
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 56, 59, 65 and 71 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Meeting of St. John's Day were read.

The following Returns were read, viz:

Lodge No. 56, held at Carlisle. Their Return of Members, &c., up to St. John's Day, returning 34 Standing Members. Their Account of Grand Lodge dues up to the same period, amounting to Ds. 50.25. Their Election Return of Officers, for One Year from St. John's Day returning, Robert Leyburn, Master; Moses Bullock, Senior Warden; Alexander Irwin, Junior Warden; John Underwood, Secretary; James Crawford, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 69, held at Chester. Their Election Return of Officers for One Year from St. John's Day, returning William Martin, Master; James Barnard, Senior Warden; William Pennel, Junior Warden; William Anderson, Secretary; John Odenheimer, Treasurer; also a Copy of the Bye Laws, which upon Motion, were referr'd to Brothers Town, Irving and McKaraher to examine the Report thereon.

The R. W. Grand Master then made the following Appointments, to wit.

Bro^r.	Cadwallader Griffith,	to Office of	Senr. Grand Deacon.
"	James Milnor,	"	Junr. Grand Deacon.
"	Rev^d. Doct^r. John Andrews,	"	Grand Chaplain.
"	Daniel McKaraher,	"	Grand Stewards.
"	Andrew Nilson,		
"	Richard R. Cusack,	"	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Thomas Proctor,	"	Grand Marshal.

Bro^r. William Healy,	to Office of Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelan,	" Grand Tyler.
" Thomas Town,	
" Daniel McKaraher,	" Room Committee.
" John Barker,	

Brothers Milnor, Town and Irving were appointed a Standing Committee for this year for the Settlement of the Grand Secretary's, Grand Treasurer's and all other Accounts of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication in December last, on the representation of Lodge N°. 73 respecting Brother Decombaz, made their Report, which was in the words following: "The Committee to whom was referred "a representation from Lodge N°. 73, respecting Brother De-"combaz, Report, That in their Opinion the tender Concern "of Lodge N°. 73 of Amenity, for the Character of a Brother, "a Member of that Lodge on One Hand, and on the other "Hand their assiduity in investigating the circumstances of "his Case, lest the reputation of the Lodge might be injured "and the Craft subjected to Censure, evince an attachment to "the Rules of our institution and such influence of its princi-"ples on the Members of that Lodge, as merits the approba-"tion of this R. W. Grand Lodge. The Committee therefore "recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania do highly "approve the Fraternal attention of Lodge N°. 73 to the Char-"acter of its Members and their regard to the reputation of "the Craft."

"Resolved, that the Grand Lodge are Sensibly affected with "the misfortunes of Brother De Combaz, but congratulate "Lodge N°. 73, that on the most ample Testimony they can "Still recognize him as a Brother Suffering under the effects "of a misplaced confidence in Man and of an influence of "Philanthropy, Charity and Gratitude not Sufficiently "guarded."

"Resolved, That a Copy of these Resolutions be communi-"cated to Lodge N°. 73 by the Grand Secretary." After full and deliberate Consideration the said Report and Resolutions,

were, on Motion made and Seconded, unanimously approved of and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws continued over for further Consideration on the 19th Day of June last, was then taken up.

The Second Section of the said Report was then read.

A Motion was made and Seconded, to Strike out the words "the Hour of Meeting from September till March shall be Six, "and from March till September, Seven o'clock in the even-"ing," and to insert in lieu thereof the words *at ten o'clock in the morning.* After some Debate the question was taken, when it appeared that the motion was lost.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, that in that part of the said Section which reads thus, "the Grand Secretary "shall cause Public Notice to be Given in One or more of the "public Newspapers of the City of Philadelphia on the Two "Mondays," the word "Two" be Struck out and the word "*Four*" inserted. Upon the question being taken (after some time spent in debating thereon) it was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, to Strike out the words "and shall Send Summonses to all the members in or "within Three Miles of the place of such Meeting." On the question being taken it was Negatived.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, to Strike out the words "all the Members in, or within Three Miles of the place "of such Meeting," and insert the words "*all the Masters of Lodges in the City or within Three Miles of the place of such Meeting, who shall cause Notice to be given to the Members of their Lodges who are Members of the Grand Lodge,*" which Motion was Negatived.

The said Section as amended then read as follows: "The "Grand Lodge shall have Four Communications in every "year, which shall be on the First Monday in March, June, "September and December, (the Hour of Meeting from Sep-"tember till March shall be Six, and from March till Septem-"ber, Seven o'clock in the Evening,) and the different Lodges "are to attend on these Days, by their proper Officers or

"Deputies, with or without notice for that purpose, neverthe-
"less, the Grand Secretary shall cause Public Notice to be
"given in One or more of the public Newspapers of the City
"of Philadelphia, on the Four Mondays preceding, and on
"that of the Meeting of each Communication, and shall send
"Summonses to all the Members in, or within Three Miles of
"the place of such Meeting." On the question being taken, it appeared that the said section as Amended was Agreed to.

The Third Section of said Report was then read.

It was Moved and Seconded to Strike out the words, "but "any distant Lodge may be represented by a Proxy." On taking the question it was Negatived.

The said section is in the words following: "Lodges in the City of Philadelphia or within Three Miles of it, shall be represented in Grand Lodge at each Quarterly Communication by their Master and Wardens, or either of them, but any distant Lodge may be represented by a Proxy. None but a Master Mason who has passed the Chair in some regular Lodge can be admitted as the Proxy of any Lodge, and his Commission as Proxy, must be under the Seal of the Lodge which appoints him, Signed by the Master and Countersigned by the Secretary. But no Member shall act as Proxy for more than One Lodge at the same Time." The question being taken on said Section, it was Agreed to.

The further Consideration of the said Report was then postponed, and the Grand Lodge was Adjourned, (at 10 o'clock P. M.,) to Monday next, the 22d. instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 22nd, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro^r. James Milnor, Senior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Nelson, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 56, 59, 62, 65, 67, 71 and 72 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last meeting of this Grand Lodge were read.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then proceeded to the Installation of the R. W. Gavin Hamilton, the Deputy Grand Master Elect, which being done, he was by Bro^r. Grand Secretary, Thrice proclaimed Deputy Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to Ancient Custom and Usage.

The Returns of Lodge N°. 69, held at Chester, from the Commencement of said Lodge to S^t. John's Day was received returning 28 Standing Members.

An Extract from the Minutes of Lodge N°. 57, held at Newtown, Bucks County, of the 4th December last, addressed by way of Petition to this R. W. Grand Lodge and the different Lodges of this City, was read. It set forth that said Lodge since its establishment had had many difficulties to encounter for want of a permanent place of Meeting in which they could with Safety keep their Records, &c., for remedy whereof they had undertaken a building for that purpose, in which they had so far Succeeded as to have it completely enclosed, but their funds falling Short of completing it, they Solicit Donations to enable them to complete the same and appointing Brothers Foulke, Van Horn and Wertz, a Committee to visit the Philadelphia Lodges with a view of pro-

curing their Brotherly Assistance to complete said Building. At same time a Letter from the Worshipful Master of said Lodge to Brothers Van Horn and Foulke was read. It contained a description of the building, and intimated that it was conceived that a Donation of Five Hundred Dollars would complete the Edifice.

On Motion made and Seconded, Brothers Milnor, Hickling, J. McElwee, Watson and Robert Taylor were appointed a Committee to take the premises into Consideration and report thereon.

The Committee appointed to Settle the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the year 1796, made their Report on the account of Bro^r. Armstrong, late Grand Secretary, commencing 2^d. Jan^y., 1796, and ending 17th April, 1797, in the words following, "The Committee appointed to settle "the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's Accounts, beg "leave to report, that they have examined the above Account "of the Grand Secretary, by which it appears that a balance "remains in his hands due to the Grand Lodge of Fifty "Pounds and an Half Penny, exclusive of £4. 10 / for Two "Dispensations received by Brother Miller, of Lodge N°. 51; "£2. 5 / for a Dispensation of the Master of Lodge N°. 51; "7 / 6 for a Grand Lodge Certificate to Augustus Waldron; "7 / 6 for a Grand Lodge Certificate to William Lawrence; "which Sums, Amounting in the whole to £7. 10 / the Grand "Secretary alleges remain unpaid and which the Committee "have allowed to go to the Credit of Bro^r. Armstrong in his "Account, Submitting it however to the Consideration and "determination of the Grand Lodge, whether he shall be al-"lowed the same, or remain charged therewith. January 18th, "1798, (Signed,) James Milnor, David Irving, Andrew Baum." Upon Consideration the said Report was approved of, and, on Motion made and Seconded the said Several Sums, amounting to £7. 10 / were allowed Bro^r. Armstrong in his Account.

The same Committee made their Report on the Account of Bro^r. McElwee, Grand Treasurer, commencing January 1st., 1796, and ending 23^d. Dec^r., 1796, in the words following. "The Committee appointed to Settle the Accounts of the

"Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary beg leave to Report, "that they have examined the above Accounts of the Grand "Treasurer and his Vouchers therefor, and that a balance of "One Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Nine Shillings and "Six pence remained in his hands on the Twenty Third of "December, A. D. 1796, (Signed,) James Milnor, David Irv-"ing, Andrew Baum;" which Report, upon Consideration, was approved of.

The Standing Committee of Accounts made their Report on the Account of Bro^r. McElwee, Grand Treasurer, commencing January 14th and ending Decr. 26th, 1797, in the words following: "The Committee appointed to Settle the Accounts of "the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary beg leave to re-"port, that they have examined the G. T's Account, as above "Stated and the Vouchers therefor, from which it appears that "he has received since the last Settlement, One Hundred and "Sixty One Pounds, Six Shillings and 8^d., and that he has "paid during the said time, Two Hundred and Six Pounds, "One Shilling and Seven pence, so that with the balance of "One Hundred and Seventy Four Pounds, Nine Shillings and "Six pence in his hands at the last Settlement, and a deduc-"tion of so much as the last Years Receipts were insufficient "to discharge, there remained in his Hands on S^t. John's Day "last a balance of One Hundred and Twenty Nine Pounds, "Fourteen Shillings and Seven pence due the Grand Lodge. "The Committee have allowed in the above Account £7. 10/, "paid Two Indian Chiefs upon an Order of the late R. W. G. "Master, but this being not Strictly agreeable to Order they "Submit that Item of the Account to the decision of the "Grand Lodge. January 22, 1798. (Signed) David Irving, "Thomas Town, James Milnor, Committee." Upon Consideration said Report was Approved of.

On Motion and Seconded, the Payment of the said Sum of £7. 10, to Two Indian Chiefs upon the Order of the late R. W. G. Master, was Sanctioned by this G. Lodge.

The same Committee made their Report on the Accounts of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, commencing January 2nd., 1797 and ending 26th December last, in the words following: "The

"Committee appointed to Settle the Grand Treasurer's and "Grand Secretary's Accounts beg leave to report, that they "have examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand "Secretary, from which it appears that he has received Since "the Second Day of January, 1797, Two Hundred and Sev-"enty Six Dollars, 48½ Cents, and that his Expenditures and "Sundry Charges of which he claims an Allowance, amount "during the same time to Three Hundred and Three Dollars, "67½ Cents, from whence it results that a balance of Twenty "Seven Dollars $\frac{19}{100}$ was due from the Grand Lodge to the "Grand Secretary on St. John's Day last.

"Your Committee conceive it their Duty to mention that "the charges to which they allude are for Registering the "Members of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and "they Submit it to the Grand Lodge to determine upon the "propriety or impropriety of the same being Debited to the "Account of the Grand Lodge. They also Submit it to their "Consideration whether the G. S. should be exonerated from "payment of the price of the Warrant of Lodge No. 70, "which has been delivered by him but is not yet paid for."

"The Committee must at the same Time add that the "Grand Labor, Brother Baker has bestowed upon the Duties "of his Office, the regular Order in which he has arranged the "confused Documents which came to his hands upon his elec-"tion to the Office, and the luminous plan he has marked out "for all future Grand Secretaries in conducting the business "of the Grand Lodge, merit the Thanks of every Friend to "the Craft, as well as the pecuniary recompense which he "claims in his Account. Jan. 22, 5798. (Signed,) James "Milnor, Thos. Town, David Irving, Committee." Upon consideration the said report was Approved of.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, That the Charges for Registering the Members of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, all alluded to in said Report, be carried to the Debit of the Account of this Grand Lodge.

Upon the Question being taken it was passed in the Affirmative.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, whether Bro.

Baker, Grand Secretary, shall be exonerated from payment of the price of the Warrant of Lodge N°. 70, which has been delivered by him but is not yet paid for.

Passed in the Affirmative.

An Account for Printing done by Godfrey Deshong, for the use of this Grand Lodge Amounting to £60. 12. 6, was presented. It had been presented to the Standing Committee of Charity on the 14th July last, who upon Consideration gave an Order on the Grand Treasurer for payment, but it being conceived that the powers of the said Committee do not extend to the taking of any Order on Accounts not Specially referr'd to them by this Grand Lodge, the same was now presented here.

On Motion made and Seconded, the same was referr'd to the Standing Committee of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

The further Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws, continued over from the 15th Instant was then resumed.

The Fourth Section being under Consideration was read and was in the words following:

"When Five or more Lodges are represented and the Right "Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master or "other presiding Officer has taken the Chair and has given "due Notice, the Brethren shall take their Seats, the Repre-"sentative of each Lodge, according to their Seniority seating "themselves by each other, N°. 2, taking the Left Hand of the "Grand Master, N°. 3, taking the left of N°. 2; and so on un-"til all Lodges present are Seated."

The Question being taken on said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Fifth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and was in the words following:

"The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and "Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treas-"urer respectively, shall be chosen by Ballot at the Communi-"cation next before the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, in "every year. And if any Two or more, shall have an equal "Number of Votes in their Favour, for any of the Offices

"aforesaid, by which the choice shall not be determined on "the First Ballot, then a Second Ballot shall be taken which "shall be confined to the persons who, on the first Ballot, "shall have had an equal Number. And if the Ballots "should again be equal between Two or more persons for any "of the Offices aforesaid, then the Election for the said Office "shall be determined by Lot between those who shall have "equal Numbers; and a Majority of the votes of the whole "Number of the Members present, shall be necessary to the "Election of any Officer, Subject to the Provision above men-"tioned, in Case of any Equality of Votes."

The Question being taken on said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Sixth Section was then taken into Consideration, read, and in the words following:

"The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and "Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treas-"urer, so chosen, shall be Installed in their respective Offices, "if practicable, on the said John the Evangelist's Day; and "after such Instalment, the Grand Master shall appoint his "Grand Deacons, Grand Chaplain, Grand Stewards, Grand "Sword Bearer, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant and "Grand Tyler. But no Brother shall be appointed any of the "before mentioned Offices, (except Grand Pursuivant and "Grand Tyler,) who has not passed the Chair of some regular "Lodge, under this or some other Ancient Jurisdiction, to be "made known by proper Vouchers."

The Question being taken on said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Seventh Section was then taken into Consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded, to Strike out the words, "He "shall present all the Votes and Orders of the Grand Lodge "after they are entered, to all those Grand Officers who were "present at the passing of the same, to be by each of them "Signed."

The Question being taken it was passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to strike out "Three Dollars," the Secretary's Fee on a Warrant.

Passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to insert in lieu thereof *Four Dollars.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to Strike out "One Dollar" as the Fee for a Dispensation.

Passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to insert in lieu thereof *Two Dollars.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

The question being taken on the price of each Certificate to be One Dollar as contained in said Report, it was passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to Strike out of that part of the said Section which relates to Registering the Names of the Members the following words: "the Members, he shall be paid Annually" and the words "Ten Dollars."

Passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to insert in lieu of the former, the words *Brethren returned to the Grand Lodge and by him Registered he shall be paid* and in lieu of the latter the words *One Eighth of a Dollar for every Member.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

The said Section, as amended, then read as follows: "The "Grand Secretary may appoint his Deputy, Subject to the ap- "probation of the Grand Lodge, and shall have the Care of "Archives. He shall keep fair Records of all the Transac- "tions of the Grand Lodge. He shall keep a Register for the "particular purpose of entering all Warrants, Dispensations, "Certificates, the Names of every Member of each Lodge, and "the Returns from the several Lodges. He shall furnish the "first named Person on every Committee, as soon as possible, "with a Copy of the Minutes and Papers with respect to the "Business of such Committee, for which he shall take a Re- "ceipt. And the person so first named shall call the Com- "mittee together, and be answerable for the papers, which he "shall return with the Report.

"The Fees of the Grand Secretary shall be, for making out "and Recording each Warrant, Dollars 4.
"For making out and Recording each Dispensation, 2.
"For each Certificate, 1.
"For Registering the Names of Brethren returned to the "Grand Lodge, and by him Registered, he shall be paid out "of the Grand Lodge Fund, One Eighth of a Dollar for every "Member."

The Question being taken on the said Section as Amended, it was passed in the Affirmative.

The further Consideration of the said Report was then Postponed.

On Motion for an Adjournment, it was agreed that this Grand Lodge be Adjourned to Friday next, the 26th Instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of this Evening were then read.

Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, to Friday next, the 26th instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, January 26th, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge, by Adjournment.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Brother James Milnor, Senr. Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Nelson, Junr. Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 62, 65, 67, 71 and 72 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented this Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Adjourned Meeting of this Grand Lodge were read.

The Petition of Bartholomew Von Heer praying relief was read.

Referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication of December last, on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 60, reported, that they had examined the said Bye Laws and had not found any Thing exceptionable in them; which Report was receiv'd and the said Bye Laws thereby approved of.

An Account for Books and Paper furnished by Godfrey Baker & C°., for the use of this Grand Lodge amounting to £9. 5. 6 was presented. The same Account had been presented to the Standing Committee of Charity on the 14th of July last, who then Ordered the same paid, but it having been Suggested that the powers of the said Committee do not extend to the taking of any Order on Accounts not Specially referr'd to them by this G. Lodge, the same was therefore now presented here.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Account was referr'd to the Standing Committee of Accounts to examine and Report thereon.

The further Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws, continued over from the 22nd. Instant, was then resumed.

The Eighth Section was taken into Consideration; it was read, and is in the words following:

"The Grand Master with his Deputy, the Grand Wardens, "and Grand Secretary, shall annually go round and Visit all "the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or, "when this Duty becomes impracticable, he shall, as often as "necessary, appoint Visitors of different Districts, composed "of the Grand Officers, or such other Brethren as he may "think proper, who shall faithfully Report their proceedings "to the Grand Lodge, according to instructions given them."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Ninth Section was taken into Consideration; it was read, and is in the words following:

"The Committee of Charity shall consist of the Right Wor-
"shipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and
"Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer
"and the Masters of the respective Lodges under the Jurisdic-
"tion of this Grand Lodge, Five of whom shall be authorized
"to do business. The Duty of this Committee shall be to
"meet in the City of Philadelphia, on the Third Monday in
"every Month or oftener, if necessary, to receive such Appli-
"cations as may be presented from Distressed Brethren, their
"Widows or Orphans, and afford them such relief as the situ-
"ation of the Fund will allow and the circumstances of the
"applicants call for. And the Grand Treasurer shall pay all
"the Orders of the said Committee, duly Signed by the presid-
"ing Officer, and Countersigned by the Secretary, charging
"the Charity Fund therewith. And the said Committee shall
"keep Minutes of their proceedings which shall be read in
"Grand Lodge at every Communication."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Tenth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read, and is in the words following:

"There shall be a Committee of Correspondence appointed
"at the Quarterly Communication next preceeding St. John,
"the Evangelist's Day, in every Year."

The Question being taken on the said Section, it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Eleventh Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"At the close of every Year a Committee shall be appointed
"to examine and settle the Grand Secretary's and Grand
"Treasurer's Accounts, who shall Report at the next Quarterly
"Communication."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twelfth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"No Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge, un-
"less he is a Member thereof, except a Brother who is a Peti-

"tioner or Witness in some Case, or One called in by Motion. "And no Brother shall appear in Grand Lodge without the "Jewel of his Office."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Thirteenth Section was then taken into Consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded to strike out the word "by" in that part of the said Section which reads thus, "without "previous Notice to that Lodge by their Proxy," and to insert the word *or* in lieu thereof, and to add the words, *Lodge or* after the word "said" where it reads "And if said Proxy request it."

The Question being taken it was passed in the Affirmative.

The said Section as amended then read as follows:

"A Majority of the Members present shall determine every "Question, and in Case of a Tie the Brother in the Chair shall "have the Casting Vote. If any One Lodge request the Vote "to be taken by Ballot, it shall be so taken. No Vote shall "be reconsidered by a smaller Number of Lodges than were "present when the Vote passed, nor on the same Day the "Motion to reconsider is made. No Vote shall be passed at "an extra Lodge, in which a distant Lodge is particularly in-"terested without previous Notice to that Lodge or their "Proxy. And if said Lodge or Proxy request it, (unless in "Cases which Two Thirds of the Lodges present shall judge "to be too urgent to admit of Delay,) the Decision shall be re-"ferred to the next Communication."

The Question being taken on the said Section as amended, it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Fourteenth Section was then taken into Consideration; was read and is in the words following:

"Every Question Moved and Seconded shall be put by the "Presiding Officer, And no new matter shall be brought for-"ward until that under Consideration shall be first decided. "No Brother shall speak more than twice upon the same "Question without special permission or to explain himself. "The presiding Officer shall determine all Questions of "Order."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Fifteenth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"Whenever the Grand Master or the Presiding Officer rises "to call to Order, all Debates shall cease, and there shall be a "strict silence. When Order shall be restored the Grand "Lodge shall proceed in the business before them."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Sixteenth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"If, in the Grand Lodge, any Member is twice called to "Order, at any one Assembly, for transgressing these Rules "and is guilty of a Third Offence of the same Nature, the "presiding Officer shall peremptorily Order him to quit the "Lodge Room for the Night, and any Members excluded the "Grand Communication shall also be excluded every Lodge "under this Jurisdiction, until restored by the Grand Lodge, "of which the Grand Secretary shall notify every Lodge."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Seventeenth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"No Member of the Grand Lodge, as such, shall be subject "to the Payment of Dues."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Eighteenth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"Every Lodge, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, "shall, on or before the next St. John the Evangelist's Day, "transmit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of all their "Members, with the Time of their having been Initiated or "admitted Members, and a Copy of their Bye Laws. And on "every St. John the Evangelist's Day following, a list of their "Initiations, Admissions, Passings, Raisings, Deaths, Rejec-"tions of Candidates, and Expulsions of Members, together

"with a Copy of such Alterations or Additions as shall have "been made to their Bye Laws, since the last Copy may have "been so transmitted, and a Return of their last Election."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Nineteenth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"No New Warrant shall be granted but on a Petition of at "least Five, and the Recommendation of at least Three, "known and approved Master Masons; nor shall a New War-"rant be granted to any Number of Masons residing within "Five Miles of the place of Meeting mentioned in the War-"rant of an established Lodge and who are Members of the "said Lodge, without the Consent of such Lodge signified "under the Seal thereof. Every Warrant shall be accom-"panied with a Copy of the Constitution and Bye Laws; also, "with a List of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and the "Times and places of their Meetings."

"Every Lodge shall Pay for a Warrant before delivered the

"Sum of	Dollars, 32.
"For every Dispensation	4.
"For every Certificate	1."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twentieth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is the words following:

"No Warrant which may in future be granted shall have "the precedence in Number, of Lodges whose Warrants bear "an older Date."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twenty First Section was taken into Consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded, to strike out the words "Four "Dollars for every Five Members," and insert in lieu thereof, *Eighty Cents for every Member.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

It was then Moved and Seconded, to add at the End of the said Section the words *and One Dollar for every Initiation.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

The said Section as amended then read as follows:

"Each Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge "shall Pay annually into the Hands of the Grand Treasurer "at the Rate of Eighty Cents for every Member of which it "may consist, and One Dollar for every Initiation."

The Question being taken on the said Section as amended, it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twenty Second Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"Any Lodge in Arrears with this Grand Lodge for Two "Years Dues shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, "and if such Dues are not discharged within Six Months from "the Date of such Notice, the Warrant of such Lodge shall be "considered as suspended, and unless satisfactory Reasons are "adduced to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Com-"munication, the Warrant of such Lodge shall be Vacated."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twenty Third Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"All Appeals, from any Private Lodge shall be made in "Writing and left with the Grand Secretary; and the Appel-"lant shall give the other Party Notice thereof at least Ten "Days before Proceedings can be had thereon. And all Ap-"peals, Letters, &c., shall be read in Grand Lodge after hav-"ing been first handed to the presiding Officer."

Passed in the Affirmative.

The Twenty Fourth Section was then taken into Consideration; it was read and is in the words following:

"No Brother shall have a Certificate unless he is about to "leave the State, nor until all Dues are Certified by the Sec-"retary of his own Lodge to be paid; nor without a Recom-"mendation of the said Lodge, under the Seal thereof, Signed "by the Master and Wardens and Countersigned by the Sec-"retary; and all Certificates shall be Signed by the Officers of "the Grand Lodge."

The Question being taken on the said Section it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twenty Fifth Section was then taken into Consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded, to insert immediately after the words "And no Funeral Procession shall be had," the words, *within Nine Miles of the City.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

The said Section as amended, then read as follows:

"There shall be no Procession but with Consent of Two "Thirds of the Members present at the Communication next "preceding the Feast of St. John, when the same is to take "place. And no Funeral Procession shall be had, within "Nine Miles of the City, without an Application to the Grand "Master or Senior Grand Officer present, made by the Master "or Wardens of such Lodge as the Deceased Brother did be-"long to; or by Five Brethren, if the Deceased Brother was a "Stranger and did not belong to any Lodge, nor without the "Consent of the Grand Master, or in his Absence, of his "Deputy."

The Question being taken on the said Section as amended, it was passed in the Affirmative.

The Twenty Sixth Section was then taken into Consideration.

It was Moved and Seconded, to strike out the word, "&c.," after the words "the Warrant, Books, Papers," and to insert in lieu thereof the words, *Jewels, Furniture and Funds.*

Passed in the Affirmative.

The said Section as amended, then read as follows:

"Upon the Demise of any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of "this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of said "Lodge, shall within Three Months afterwards, surrender to "the Grand Secretary, the Warrant, Books, Papers, Jewels, "Furniture and Funds of said Lodge, nor shall any Member "of said Demised Lodge be Elected into any other Lodge, till "he shall have paid all Arrears, due from him to said Lodge, "to the Grand Treasurer."

The Question being taken on the said Section as amended, it was passed in the Affirmative.

On Motion made and Seconded. The said Report as amended was continued over for Consideration until the next Quarterly Communication, then to take the final Question on the same.

The Minutes of this Evening were then read, And Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, February 1st, Anno Lucis 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Special Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" John Paul Schott, Senior Grand Warden, P. Temp.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Bro. William Allen, (No. 71,) Senr. Grand Deacon, P. Temp.
" Frederick Miller, (No. 52,) Junr. Grand Deacon, P. Temp.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had Convened them for the purpose of Installing the Master of a new Lodge, No. 70, to be held at Tioga Point, in the County of Luzerne, under a Warrant granted the 6th Day of July, A. L. 5796, which Installation, by reason of sickness of Brother Arnold Colt, the Master named in the said Warrant, and other intervening Circumstances, had not yet taken place.

Brother Colt was then brought forward, and Brother Irving, by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, proceeded to the Installation, which Ceremony being performed and Brother Colt placed in the Chair, he was recognized as Master of said Lodge No. 70, and saluted accordingly.

Brother Jesse Fell, a Member of Lodge N°. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, in the County of Luzerne, then appeared and produced the Election Return of the said Lodge, whereby it appeared that he had been duly Elected Master of the same for the Term of Twelve months from S^t. John's Day last.

Brother Fell stated that he had not yet been installed, owing to the want of a sufficient number of Past Masters in said Lodge, and requested that his Installation might then take place. Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to direct Bro. Irving to Install Bro^r. Fell, which being done he was placed in the Chair and recognized as Master of Lodge N°. 61, and saluted accordingly.

Closed in Harmony at 20 minutes past 6 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th March, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Milnor, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 66, 67, 71 and 72 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication, of S^t. John's Day last, and of the several Adjourned Lodges held since that period were read.

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Standing Committee of Charity held since the last Quarterly Communication were read and Approved of.

The committee appointed at the Adjourned Grand Lodge, held on the 22nd January last, on the Petition of Lodge No. 57, held at Newtown, made their report in the words following: "The committee appointed to take into Consideration "and make Report on the Application of Newtown Lodge, "No. 57, beg leave to report it as their Opinion and recom- "mendation that One Hundred Dollars be granted out of the "Funds of this Grand Lodge to said Lodge No. 57, for the "purpose of assisting it in completing the building for Masonic "purposes which they have begun, and they also beg leave to "advise that this Grand Lodge recommend the Subject to the "Consideration of the several Lodges in this City, for their "Brotherly Aid in so good a Work;" which report was not approved of.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the Sum of Eighty Dollars be granted by the Grand Lodge to Lodge No. 57, for purposes above mentioned.

Passed in the negative.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, to grant the Sum of Fifty Dollars for the above purpose.

Carried in the affirmative.

The Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of Lodge No. 9 with this Grand Lodge, was read; it appeared thereby that said Accounts were settled up to St. John's Day last, at which Time there was a balance due from No. 9 to this Grand Lodge of Ds. 119.1, which Report was accepted; by the said settlement the following Articles of Room Furniture have become the Property of this Grand Lodge, Viz:

Stove and sundry Pipe, at the Cost of	44.83
6 Chairs.	8.
A Mahogany Cupboard	16.
2 Pine Tables.	8.
4 Benches	4.
Dolls.	80.83

The Committee of Accounts Reported that they had examined the Account of Godfrey Deshong for Printing done, amounting to £60. 12. 6 and approved thereof; which Report was accepted and the said Account Ordered to be paid.

The Committee of Accounts Reported that they had examined the Account of Godfrey Baker and Co., for Books and Paper for the Grand Lodge, Amounting to £9. 5. 6 and that they approved thereof; which Report was received and the said Account was Ordered to be paid.

A Copy of the Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, established under the Authority of this Grand Lodge was received, read and approved of.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

Held under the protection of and supported by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, unanimously agreed to and established at a Grand Chapter held in PHILADELPHIA, *February* 24, 1798; *and confirmed in Grand Lodge, March* 5, 1798.

Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees; The three first of which are that of the *Apprentice*, the *Fellow-Craft* and the sublime degree of *Master;* and a brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of *Master*, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the approbation of the Brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the chiefs of the Chapter to whom he shall have applied and by them found worthy, of being admitted to the fourth degree, *The Holy Royal Arch.*

It follows, of course, that every regular warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several degrees; the last of which, from its pre-eminence, is denominated amongst Masons *a Chapter.*

That the said Chapters of the H. R. A. may be established,

held, and conducted with the regularity, discipline, and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have from time immemorial been held as an essential component part of *Ancient Masonry*, and that which is the perfection and end of the Beautiful System, the excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the *old institutions*, assembled and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the H. R. A. have carefully collected, revised, and adopted the following regulations for the Government thereof; that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular warranted Lodge on the register, and be solemnly and finally made a part of the book of Laws and Regulations for the craft.

I. That no Chapter of H. R. A. shall be held or convened within the commonwealth of Pennsylvania or masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the authority and sanction of a regular subsisting Warrant granted by the Grand Lodge according to the old institutions, and by the consent of said Lodge first signified to the Grand Chapter.

II. That no Chapter of H. R. A. shall be convened and held for the purpose of making Royal Arch Masons, unless six regular registered Royal Arch Masons be present.

III. That no brother shall be admitted into the H. R. A. but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three progressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of *Worshipful Master* in his Lodge to the satisfaction of his Brethren, or *passed the Chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master upon the recommendation of his said Lodge;* to ascertain which they shall deliver to him in open Lodge a certificate to the following purport:

"To the presiding chiefs of the Chapter of excellent Royal
"Arch Masons, under the sanction of Lodge No. .
"Whereas our trusty and well beloved brother
" a Geometric Master Mason and member of our Lodge,
"has solicited us to recommend him as a Master mason, every
"way qualified, so far as we are judges of the necessary quali-
"fications, for passing the *Holy Arch;* we do hereby certify
"that the said , our trusty and well-beloved

"brother, has obtained the consent of our Lodge No.
"for the recommendation and signing of this certificate."

Given under our hands and the seal of our said Lodge, this day of 17 Anno Lucis 57

{ L. S. }

A. M.
B. S. W.
C. J. W.

Secretary.

IV. That a General Grand Chapter of the H. R. A. shall be held half yearly on the third Monday in June and December in each year; that every warranted Lodge shall be directed to summon its excellent Royal Arch members to attend the same, and that none but past and present officers of Chapters duly and regularly formed under the sanction of a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and registered, and past and present Grand officers (being Royal Arch Masons) shall be members thereof; and Royal Arch Masons, members of private Chapters and certified sojourners, to be admitted as visitors only.

V. That for the better preservation of the supreme degree of Freemasonry a register shall be kept by the scribes of all brothers admitted to the most excellent degree; and a return of brothers so admitted by the private Chapters of their own or other Lodges, mentioning the names and times of exalting every brother, shall be presented at the General grand Chapters held half yearly as aforesaid, to be entered in the register book of the General grand Chapter of the H. R. A.

VI. That general Grand Chapters may be held more frequently if occasion may require, application for that purpose being made by at least six excellent Masons to the grand Chiefs, or on the direction being given by the presiding grand Chief. But at such General Grand Chapters of emergency no established law shall be altered, and no new law that may be made shall be conclusive and binding until ratified and confirmed by a regular half-yearly General Grand Chapter. But at such General Grand Chapters of emergency Certificates for registry may be granted.

VII. That on the admission of a new brother the form of the return to the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"We, the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, "do certify that in a Chapter of the H. R. A., convened and "held under the sanction and authority of the Warrant of the "Worshipful lodge No. , our beloved brothers A. B., C. D., "E. F., and G. H. having delivered to us the proper certifi-"cates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be "well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow "Craft, and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were "by us admitted to the supreme degree of excellent Royal "Arch Masons."

Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this day of in the year of Masonry 57 and in the year of our Lord 17

{ L.S. }

A. Z. } Chiefs.
B. H.
C. J.

Scribe.

VIII. That all registered R. A. Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch certificate on the payment of two Silver dollars of the United States for the same; which shall be applied as follows, to wit: a dollar and thirty-three cents for the Grand Scribe, he paying the expense of printing, parchment, ribbon, &c., &c., and sixty seven cents for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

IX. That the expenses of General Grand chapters for Tylers, Summonses, &c., shall be borne from the fund of the right worshipful Grand Lodge.

X. That towards defraying the expenses of private chapters a sum not exceeding eight dollars shall be charged on and paid by the brother admitted at any chapter, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one dollar whereof shall be paid to the general Grand Fund on the registering of the Brother, and twenty-five cents to the Grand Scribe, and the rest to be applied according to the direction of the private chapters.

XI. That a member of any particular lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master, wardens and secretary in open Lodge, and after due trial and examination, the brother being a Master mason and duly registered, as shall appear under the hands of the Grand Secretary, and having passed the chair, shall, if approved by the R. A. chapter to whom the brother is recommended, be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Mason; and that sojourners, not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, recommended by at least three well known past Master Masons or most excellent Royal Arch Masons, and on the approbation of the chapter to whom they shall have applied, after due trial and examination as aforesaid, shall also be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Masons.

XII. That excellent brothers, producing proper certificates from any chapter under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, in which they were admitted, to the satisfaction of the Grand Chiefs in Philadelphia, the grand scribe, or any two of them, shall be entitled to be registered and receive a Grand Royal Arch certificate immediately if required, for which the Grand Scribe shall make his report at the next Grand Chapter.

XIII. That at the half yearly General Grand Chapter, held in December in every year, the said General Grand Chapter shall elect their officers, saving that the right worshipful Grand Master for the time being, if of that degree, shall always preside as first grand chief, make their own bye-laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from chapters held under Warrants granted or to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. But the said grand chapter shall not at any time raise any brother to the degree of R. A. Mason, unless in cases of emergency, which shall be judged by the grand chiefs, or any two of them, and the moneys thus received shall be applied to the grand fund as hereinbefore directed with regard to private Chapters.

XIV. The grand chapter held in December in each year shall elect three Excellent Masters to assist the grand officers in visiting Lodges, &c., that the general uniformity of Ancient

Masonry may be preserved, and handed down unchanged to posterity.

A true copy:

P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, G. S.

A Petition from a number of Brethren was read praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Pughtown, Coventry Township, in the County of Chester, which being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Thomas Church, Master; John Worthington, Senior Warden, and Jesse Roberts, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be called N°. 75.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Town of Newville, in Cumberland County, which being duly Recommended, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Robert McKeain, Master; Robert Lusk, S. W., and Archibald McCoy, J. W., and that the said Lodge be called N°. 76.

A Communication from Lodge N°. 72 was read, informing of the Expulsion of A—— B—— from the said Lodge, by a Unanimous Vote of the same. Whereupon, the said A—— B—— presented a Petition declaring his appeal from the proceedings of the said Lodge, which was granted, and the Masters of the different Lodges in this City (except the Masters of Lodges N°. 72 and N°. 73), Seven of whom to form a quorum, were appointed a Committee to make inquiry and Report thereon.

A Complaint was exhibited by a Brother John McGurk against Brother Richard R. Cusack respecting some expression said to have been made at the late Election for Senator. It appearing that B^r. McGurk had made the same Complaint to Lodge N°. 59, whereof Bro^r. Cusack is a Member, and no decision yet had thereon in that Lodge, the Petitioner therefore had leave granted him to withdraw his Petition.

A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro^r. Richard R. Cusack, Proxy for Lodge N°. 5 was read and accepted.

In Compliance with the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of S^t. John's Day last respecting Lodge N°. 5, said Lodge now presented their Warrant, together with their Petition praying that this Grand Lodge by Endorsement on said Warrant would Authorize them again to carry on their Works under the same, and also praying to be exonerated from all arrearage Dues until 30th March, 1797. On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered that the Prayer of said Petition be granted.

The following Returns of Lodge N°. 5 were then received and read, viz:

Their Return of Members from 30th March, 1797 to S^t. John's Day last, returning 11 standing Members and Containing the Expulsion of T—— M——, an Enter'd Apprentice, on the 22^d Ult^o., and the Rejection of T—— C——, A—— G—— and B—— G——. Their Account of Grand Lodge dues from 30th March, 1797 up to this Day, and their Election Return of Officers for (6) Six Months, from S^t. John's Day last, returning Christian Weaver, Master; John Aitken, Senior Warden; Charles Hanson, Junior Warden; John Moody, Secretary; Leonard Vandergrift, Treasurer.

A Communication from Lodge N°. 19, notifying the Expulsion of T—— F——, a Fellow Craft, was received and read.

Bro^r. McGarron prayed some Advice and Assistance from this Lodge respecting the obtaining of Passages for his Three Children in Ireland, from thence to this place, offering either to deposit Money sufficient for the Payment of their Passages, or to give security to pay the same on their Arrival here. On Consideration the same was referr'd to Bro^r. J. McElwee, who was requested to take such steps to accommodate Bro^r. M^c-Garron as should be found proper.

On Motion for an Adjournment it was Agreed that this Grand Lodge be Adjourned to Monday, the 19th ins^t., at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes of the Communication were then read, And the Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th March, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" Andrew Nilson, Junior Grand Warden, p. Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Benge, Junior Grand Deacon, p. Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 5, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 71 and 72 represented.

Visitor, B^r. Captain John, (Indian).

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia of the 28th January last, was received and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of the 20th January last, enclosing a Copy of the Constitution and Abstract of divers of their Minutes were received and read.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Commission duly Executed appointing Bro^r. Mathias Barton, Proxy, to represent Lodge N°. 43 in this Grand Lodge was received and read.

The following Returns from the Lodge N°. 43 were received and read, to wit:

Their Return of Members to S^t. John's Day last, returning 38 Standing Members. Their Account of Grand Lodge dues up to the same Time amounting to D^s. ——. Their Election Return of Officers for 6 Months from S^t. John's Day last, returning Jacob Carpenter, Master; Abraham Henry, Senior

Warden; Lewis Lauman, Junior Warden; John Morris, Secretary; Jacob Martin, Treasurer.

The Election Return of Lodge N°. 61 for Officers for 12 Months from S^t. John's Day last, was received and read, returning Jesse Fell, Master; Eleazer Blackman, Senior Warden; James Campbell, Junior Warden; Samuel Bowman, Secretary; Peter Grubb, Treasurer.

The Following Returns of Lodge N°. 66 were received and read, viz.: Return of Members up to S^t. John's Day last, returning 23 Standing Members, and containing the Expulsion of J—— W——, the 28th November, 1796. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to same time amounting to D^s. ——. Election Returns of Decem^r., 1795 and June, 1797, and Election Return of Officers for 6 Months from S^t. John's Day last, returning Mathias Kaler, Master; David Jones, jun^r., Senior Warden; Charles Cramp, Junior Warden; David Jones, Senr., Secretary; John Jones, Treasurer. Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 66, which were referr'd to Brother Town, A. Nilson and W. Nelson, to examine and Report thereon.

The Election Return of Lodge N°. 71, of S^t. John's Day last, was received and read, returning William Nelson, Master; John Thompson, Senior Warden; Samuel Patterson, Junior Warden; Hugh Canney, Secretary; John Johnstone, Treasurer.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 72 was received and referr'd to Bro^rs. Town, A. Nilson and W. Nelson, to examine and Report thereon.

A Notice of the Expulsion of T—— W——, A—— T——, J—— G—— and F—— P——, from Lodge N°. 59 for Nonpayment of dues, was received and read.

Notices of the Expulsion of S—— J——, N—— C——, J—— B——, A—— B. B—— and N—— J—— from Lodge N°. 2 for Nonpayment of dues, were received and read.

The Petition of a Bro^r. Stephen Merrill, late from Georgia, setting forth his distress and praying assistance was read. Referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

On Motion for an Adjournment, it was Agreed that this Grand Lodge be Adjourned to the Fourth Monday in April next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Minutes were then read and this Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., until the Fourth Monday in April next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 23d April, Anno Lucis 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Praise Wadman, Senr. Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
" David Irving, Junr. Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Brother Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" James Milnor, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant, Pro Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Tyler, Pro Temp.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Adjourned Communication were read.

A Communication from a French Lodge, called La Reunion Desiree, held at Port au Prince, was received and read. Referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence.

A letter from Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, dated the 19th ultO., was read. It set forth that the Corporation of the Borough of Lancaster being about to build a new Market House, had offered at their own expense to erect Pillars and Arches, strong and sufficient to support any superstructure that may be raised thereon, and make a good Title for the sole use of the Lodge; that the Lodge had accepted the proposals, but in consideration of the High price of Labour and the expense of Building, request the Grand Lodge to release

and acquit them of the payment of the Dues now owing by them to the Charity Fund, and to afford them any other assistance they may think proper.

On Motion, the same was referr'd to a Committee consisting of Brothers Milnor, Town and I. Israel to report thereon.

The following Returns of Lodge N°. 65 were read, viz.: Return of Members up to St. John's Day last, returning 29 standing Members. Their Election Return of Officers for 6 Months, from St. John's Day, June last, returning Oliver Trowbridge, Master; Dudley Holdridge, Senior Warden; Jotham W. Curtiss, Junior Warden; Elnathan Gregory, Secretary; Samuel Rexford, Treasurer.

Also, a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which on Motion were referr'd to Bro^rs. W. Nelson, Griffiths and John R. Taylor to Examine and Report thereon.

The Petition of Bro^r. William Nelson was read, setting forth That the Petitioner from motives purely Masonic was induced to become Security for Brother Captain John Konkapot, of the Oneida tribe of Indians, to Brother Abraham Morrow for a Gun Bro^r. Konkapot purchased of Bro^r. Morrow for the Sum of 12½ Dollars; that Bro^r. Konkapot having made a default in payment, the Petitioner was obliged to pay the same, and praying the Grand Lodge to take his Case into Consideration and grant him such relief in the Premises as to them should appear just and right.

On motion, the same was referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bro^r. John Hoy, late Member of Lodge N°. 118, held in Ireland, praying for Assistance was read; referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Report of the Committee appointed on the Petition of Bro^r. A—— B——, appealing from the vote of Expulsion passed against him by Lodge N°. 72, was presented and read; on motion, the same was read a second time.

A Motion was made and Seconded, that the said Report be recommitted with instructions to the said Committee to Report to this Grand Lodge the facts whereon their said report was grounded; on the question being taken, the Motion was lost.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, that the written Testimony wherein the Report was founded be read; on the question being taken, the Motion was lost.

It was then Moved and Seconded, that the Consideration of the said Report be Postponed; on the question being taken, the said Motion was lost.

The Question was then taken on the first Resolution in the said Report, when the same was Adopted.

The Question was then taken on the Second Resolution in said Report, when the same was Adopted.

A Motion was then made and Seconded, that the said Report be entered on the Minutes, that a Copy thereof be transmitted to Lodge N°. 72, and that a Copy of the First Resolution be furnished to Bro^r. B——; on the question being taken, the said Motion was carried.

The said Report is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania: The Committee, comprised of the Masters of Lodges
"in the City of Philadelphia, to whom was referred the Peti-
"tion of Brother A—— B——, late Master of Lodge N°. 72,
"appealing from the vote of Expulsion passed against him by
"the said Lodge, and communicated by the said Lodge at the
"last Grand Quarterly Communication, beg respectfully leave
"to report: That they entered upon the Duties of their Ap-
"pointment with all that Solemnity and deliberation which
"Justice to the parties concerned and to Masonry called for at
"their hands; that upon due notice being given, the Commit-
"tee of Lodge N°. 72 and Brother B—— attended before them,
"and brought forward respectively their Allegations and
"Proofs; that several Meetings were had on the subject, the
"Charges against Brother B—— were severally examined and
"Considered with the greatest Attention, and after as accurate
"and close an examination as the Committee could possibly
"make, they are unanimously of the Opinion that the Charges
"which are brought forward against Brother B—— are not
"well founded, and that there was not any just cause for Ex-
"pelling him from the said Lodge. To remove the impres-
"sions which this Affair and the many groundless reports

"which have proceeded therefrom have made to the manifest "injury of Brother B——'s Character and feelings, the Com-"mittee believe it right not only to state in the most explicit "terms their Confidence in his innocence so far as the same "has been impeached by the proceedings which brought the "matter before them, but to add also that Brother B—— pro-"duced to them the most satisfactory Testimonials of his good "Standing as a Man and as a Mason previous to his residing "in Philadelphia. The Committee, therefore, unanimously "agree in recommending for the adoption of the Right Wor-"shipful Grand Lodge the following Resolutions: Resolved, "That the vote of Expulsion of Lodge No. 72, passed against "Brother B—— on Tenth Day of February last, be rescinded, "and that he be reinstalled in all the privileges of a Member "of the said Lodge. Resolved, That the said Lodge No. 72, "be required to expunge from their Minutes the said Vote of "Expulsion and all entries whatever which have any connec-"tion therewith."

"David Irving, W. M., No. 2.
"Israel Israel, " " No. 3.
"Andw. Nilson, Mr. L. No. 9.
"Charles Patton, " " No. 51.
"Cadwr. Griffith, M., Harmony Lodge, No. 52.
"Robert Jackson, Mr. L. No. 59.
"Thomas Bradley, " " No. 67.
"William Nelson, " " No. 71."

On Motion for an Adjournment, it was Agreed that this Grand Lodge be Adjourned to the First Tuesday in May next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes were then read and this Grand Lodge Adjourned at 10 o'clock, p. m., until the First Tuesday in May next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

George A. Baker,
Grand Secretary.

The First Tuesday in May, to which Day the Grand Lodge stood adjourned, fell on the First Day of May, being St. Tammany's Day, by reason whereof but few of the Members of the Grand Lodge attended, whereupon the Brethren who met agreed not to proceed to business, but defer it to the next Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th June, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" Samuel Benge, Junior Grand Warden, p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John M. Elwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" James Milnor, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelan, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form. Minutes were read.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee of Charity of 21st. March, were read and Approved of.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 5 was receiv'd and referr'd to a Committee, Consisting of Brors. Town, Benge and Andrew Nilson, to examine and Report thereon.

The Petition of James Twifoot, setting forth his being Confined with the Rheumatism and in Distress, and praying for Assistance was read. Referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of John Goulding, stating his Misfortunes and

praying some Assistance, was read. Referred to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Brother La Barossiere setting forth his many Misfortunes, viz.: his having fallen into the hands of the Indians and being dangerously wounded; his having suffered by Fire at New Orleans, where he also by means of the explosion of some Gunpowder got blind, and finally of his having lost his remaining all by being taken by a Privateer, and praying for Assistance was read. Referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

A Petition from divers Brethren, residents of Charlestown and its vicinity, in Brooke County, in the State of Virginia, was received and read; it was in the words following, to wit:

"The Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: "The Subscribers being Antient York Masons and residents "in Charlestown and its Vicinity, in Brooke County and State "of Virginia, desirous to establish a Lodge in this place, beg "leave to solicit a Warrant from the Gr. Lodge of Pennsyl- "vania for that purpose. We are not certain as to the pro- "priety of this application, having a Grand Lodge in the State "to which we belong, but the great distance and small inter- "course between this place and the seat of the Grand Lodge "of Virginia render our application and Communications very "inconvenient, whereas our Correspondence and occasional "attendance of some of our Officers may be had with the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with certainty and con- "venience."

"Charlestown, April 26, 1798. W. McKennan, Zenas "Kimberly, John Agnew, Tho. M. K. Thompson, Richard "Spees, James Clark, Sol^o. Sibley, William Griffith, W^m. Skin- "ner, A. W. Griffin, Robert McClure, Vachel Dorsey," and endorsed as follows: "August 28th, 1798. The Subscribers "to the within Petition met this Day, and proceeded to elect "and recommend the following Brethren as Officers, whose "names may be inserted in the Warrant from the Grand "Lodge: William McKennan, Master; Zenas Kimberly, "Senior Warden, and John Agnew, Junior Warden, certified "at the request of the Brethren by W. McKennan."

At the same Time a Letter from said Brother McKennan to Brother Israel Israel, dated April 30, 1798, was read, which among other things contained the following observations, to wit:

"In our Petition we have expressed a doubt whether the "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can, or will, extend its juris- "diction to this place, being in Virginia. If there are any "Punctilio's between the Grand Lodges in this respect, we "would wish them to be laid aside; Indeed, I should suppose "that the broad Scale of Masonry would not measure Nar- "rowly, and that its operations would not be local, but be "equally diffused with its noble principles. There are many "reasons which we may forcibly urge in favour of the War- "rant from your Lodge; the Correspondence which ought to "be kept up; the Fees arising to the Grand Lodge which is "due from every branch thereof; and the attendance occa- "sionally of Members of our Lodge (which can be conveni- "ently done by some of us who must visit the City Half "Yearly,) are among the strong inducements to our applica- "tion, whereas, should we fail in our request to you, we can- "not combine, as the inconveniency of obtaining a Warrant "from the Grand Lodge of this State, added to the impossi- "bility of paying that submission due from the inferior to the "superior, will prevent an application thereto. It therefore "rests with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania whether the "work of Masonry will be carried on in this part of the "Western World. Let me assure you, we are anxious, and I "flatter myself that the Grand Lodge, (if they grant our re- "quest,) will not lose Credit by our operations."

Which said Petition was thereupon taken into Consideration, but it being Contrary to the established rules of this Grand Lodge to grant Warrants for holding of Lodges within the Jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges, and this Grand Lodge having in divers similar instances refused so to do, it was on motion,

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary write to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia, acquainting them with said Application, and informing them that this Grand Lodge shall

not grant the Prayer of the said Petition without the Approbation of the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and that the said Petition do lay over until an Answer shall be received on the subject from the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia.

A Memorial from Lodge N°. 72 was received and read. It was in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and "Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania. "The Memorial of the Brethren of Philadelphia Lodge, N°. "72, Respectfully Sheweth: That your Memorialists consider "themselves aggrieved by a late decision of the Grand Lodge, "which not only reverses a decree of Philadelphia Lodge, N°. "72, but implicates it in a Severe censure by declaring the "Person innocent that was deemed unworthy to continue one "of its Members by a solemn, deliberate, and unanimous "Vote. Although your Memorialists feel a respectful defer-"ence for the decisions of that Body under whom they Act, "and from whom they derive their Authority, yet on this "occasion they must be pardoned for Complaining of the late "Act of the Grand Lodge as having been ex parte, precipitate, "and not founded on Testimony adduced to your Body. The "proceedings against A—— B—— were not the result of "intemperance, prejudice, or precipitancy; they were founded "on a State of Facts which in the Opinion of your Memorial-"ists warranted the expulsion of any Man from the Brother-"hood who had been guilty of so gross a Violation of things "held sacred among upright Masons. Notwithstanding your "Memorialists were fully Competent to prove to your satisfac-"tion that the Decree of expulsion was necessary and just, "they were not even permitted to substantiate their Allega-"tions; they were not even heard in Support of their decision. "If an individual has a right to be heard in defence of his "Character and Conduct, can there exist any reasonable ob-"jection to hearing a Number thus implicated? Surely, if "the right exists in one, it acquires strength when Numbers "are involved, and to deny it to many and grant it to One "would be an inversion of those rules which ought to direct

"Men in every Society. The reversal of the Decree of your "Memorialists is to them what the vote of Expulsion was to "A—— B——, it is a denunciation affecting their Principles "and their Character. To filch from a Brother his good "Name is a Crime of the first magnitude in Morals, and is not "less so in Masonry. The decision then of the Grand Lodge "stigmatizes your Memorialists as guilty of this Crime, for if "A—— B—— is innocent, no one can deny the inference "that Lodge N°. 72 must be guilty, not like him, guilty of "attempting to Seduce a Brother's Wife, not like him guilty "of endeavors to sow the Seeds of jealousy and discord in the "family of a Brother, but guilty of the base Crime of robbing "a Brother of his good Name. Implicated then in a way "which covers your Memorialists with Shame and Disgrace, "recorded in the transactions of your body as having been "guilty of the foul deed of aspersing the Character of an in-"nocent Brother, and that too without an Opportunity being "given to your Memorialists to extenuate or justify their "Conduct, they cannot suffer the reproach without Complaint, "nor without requesting of the Grand Lodge a reconsideration "of their decision to enable your Memorialists to be heard."

"Should a request so reasonable and so just be refused, your "Memorialists are free to declare, and they will be pardoned "the declaration, that sooner than acquiesce under an imputa-"tion so dishonorable to them, they will withdraw themselves "from a Jurisdiction where justice is excluded and Surrender "that Authority under which they have heretofore acted."

"By order of The Brethren of Philad^a. Lodge, N°. 72. "Francis C. Deimling, Secretary, P. T., Philad^a. Lodge, N°. "72, April 30th, A°. L^cis. 5798. N. B. The above memorial "was agreed to by all the Brethren present except one." Which Petition on Motion made and Seconded, was rejected.

All the Committees who had not made their Reports were continued over.

On Motion for an Adjournment, it was agreed that this Grand Lodge be adjourned to the Third Monday in the present Month, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes were then read and this Grand Lodge Ad-

journed at 10 o'clock, P. M., until the Third Monday in the present Month, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th June, Anno Lucis 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Senior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" Samuel Benge, Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Bros. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Deacon.
" Andrew Nilson, Junior Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelen, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 9, 21, 45, 52, 56 and 71 represented.

Six Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

By reason of so few of the Members attending, the Grand Lodge did not proceed to business.

Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Grand Communication held at Philadelphia, on Monday, June 25th, in lieu of St. John's Day, which fell on Sunday, Anno Lucis 5798.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.

R. W. Gavin Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" David Irving, Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Bro^rs. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Hugh Caney, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" John Whelon, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 56, 59, 65 and 67 represented.

Eleven Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge were opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication was read.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 2. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning David Irving, Master; Robert Pullen, Senior Warden; John Boyd, Junior Warden; Edward Robinson, Secretary; John Cope, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 3. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning John Barker, Master; Samuel Israel, Senior Warden; John Smith, Junior Warden; James Connor, Secretary.

Lodge N°. 19. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning William Potter, Master; William Skinner, Senior Warden; John Coyle, Junior Warden; Matthew Watson, Secretary.

Lodge N°. 52. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Cadwallader Griffith, Master; Jacob Eglee, Senior Warden; George Springer, Junior Warden; John Conrad, Secretary; Isaac Price, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 59. Their Return of Members to this Time returning 47 Standing Members. Their Account of Grand Lodge dues to this Time, amounting to D^s. ——. Their Election Return of Officers for the Ensuing Six Months, returning Robert Jackson, Master; Richard Collings, Senior Warden; Thomas Shaw, Junior Warden; Robert McElwee, Secretary; John McElwee, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 67. Their Return of Members to this Time, returning 28 Standing Members. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning Michael Leib, Master; Isaac Painter, Senior Warden; Martin Saurman, Junior Warden; Lodewyk Sharpe, Secretary; Adam Eckfeld, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 71. Their Election Return of Officers for the ensuing Six Months, returning William Nelson, Master; Samuel Patterson, Senior Warden; Andrew Montgomery, Junior Warden; Hugh Caney, Secretary; John Alexander, Treasurer.

The Petition of Brother John Pinchion praying relief was read and referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Brother Samuel Gartley of N°. 588, on the Registry of Ireland, praying for Assistance was read and referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Brother John Bradford praying to be assisted to get into some business or employment, was read.

On Consideration Brothers Jackson, Town and Irving were appointed a Committee to endeavour to procure employment for the said Petitioner, and his Petition was also referred to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Committee appointed on the 15th of January last, on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 69, Reported, that they had examined said Bye Laws and approved thereof, which Report was accepted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Standing Committee of Charity be Authorized to employ a person to serve their Notices.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Committee have power to pay the Person they shall employ for such service.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the said Committee be Authorized to allow the Person who heretofore served their Notices, a Compensation for his services.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be Authorized to procure a Lesser Seal for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Lodges who have not yet reported their proceedings on the plan respecting subscriptions to the Dispensary, be requested to make Report to the Standing Committee of Charity as soon as convenient, and that the said Committee be Authorized to receive the Monies contributed and to carry the said Plan into effect.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Consideration of Bro^r. Ghislin's Circumstances was referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Minutes were then read and the Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 10th July, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Lodge.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.
" Tanguy De La Boissiere, Deputy Grand Master, p. T.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Warden.
" Charles Patton, Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Read, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 65, 67, 71 and 73 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had Convened them for the purpose of laying before them a Petition received by him praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge. The said petition was then read. It was from a number of brethren residing at Port D'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad, who had formerly been members of a Lodge held

at St. Lucie, under a Warrant obtained from France, but by the commotions in the Islands had been removed from thence, and praying this R. W. Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Port D'Espagne, aforesaid, which being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this R. W. Grand Lodge, on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Benoist Dert, Master; —— De Gaimes, Senior Warden, and Francois Figuieres, Junior Warden; and that the said Lodge be called "Lodge Les Freres Unis, No. 77."

The Minutes were then read and this Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 5 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

On Account of the Yellow Fever raging Violently in the City of Philadelphia, and almost all the Inhabitants having fled to the Country, the Stated Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was not held on the First Monday, it being the 3rd Day of September, 1798.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secret.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd December, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, D. G. M., P. Temp.
" Thomas Town, S. G. W.
" David Irving, J. G. W.
Bror. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. Samuel Benge, S. G. D., pro Temp.
" James Milnor, J. G. D.
" William Healy, G. Pursuivant.
" Frederick Miller, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 65, 67, 71 and 73 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the different Meetings of this Grand Lodge held since the Quarterly Communication in June last were read.

The Minutes of the different Meetings of the Standing Committee of Charity held since the Quarterly Communication in June last, were read and approved of.

A Communication from Grand Lodge of Canada dated 10th May last, enclosing a list of Grand Officers for the ensuing Year, and a list of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, was read and ordered to be filed; said Communication also Notified the Expulsion of T—— O—— from Lodge N°. 8, held at Montreal.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia dated 18th May last, enclosing a List of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, was read and ordered to be filed; said Communication also Notified the restoration of the following Brothers who had formally been expelled, to wit: William Baxter, of S^t. George's Lodge, N°. 11, held at Cornwallis; Oliver Bourdett, Robert Laidley, David Beveridge, John Tool and Robert Moire, Hiram Lodge, N°. 17, S^t. John's; John Fuich, Lodge N°. 7, in the British 7th Reg^t. of Foot; and it Communicated the following Expulsions, to wit: B—— L——, of Digby Lodge, N°. 6, held at Digby; Lieu^t. R—— B——, of Royal Rose Lodge, N°. 2, held in the 7th Regiment of Foot.

A Communication from Lodge N°. 47, at Port au Prince, was read and referr'd to Bro^rs. Duplessis, Gardette and Milnor to consider and Report thereon. Said Communication was accompanied by a Return of the Standing Members of said Lodge, being 25 in number.

Brother Duplessis, Proxy of N$^{o.}$ 47, represented that said Lodge, after having been obliged by reason of the disturbances in the Islands, their Lodge being burnt, &c., to suspend their Masonic Operations, had again begun and were carrying on their works, and as a commutation for the dues owing from them to this Grand Lodge, he offer'd to pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, of which a Motion was made and Seconded, and on the question being taken, it was carried.

A Petition from Francis De Le Dernier praying Assistance was read and referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that all further Communications now before this Grand Lodge do lie over in order that the Lodge may now proceed to the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The R. W. Grand Master then informed the Brethren that this was the Evening appointed by the Bye Laws for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, and having placed the Senior Grand Warden in the Chair, the R. W. G. M. left the Room.

The Lodge then proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year.

Upon the Ballotts being taken it appeared that the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq$^{r.}$, was unanimously elected Grand Master.

The R. W. G. M. then returned into the Lodge, was informed of his being Unanimously elected to the Office of Grand Master, and again took the Chair.

The Lodge then continued the Election and

Bro$^{r.}$ Israel Israel was Elected Deputy Grand Master.

Bro$^{r.}$ James Milnor was Elected Senior Grand Warden.

Bro$^{r.}$ Charles Patton was Elected Junior Grand Warden.

Bro$^{r.}$ George A. Baker was Unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary, and

Bro$^{r.}$ John McElwee was Unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Bro$^{rs.}$ Duplessis, Milnor, Patton and Samuel Israel were appointed a Committee to examine the Accounts of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Bro^rs. Israel Israel, Duplessis, Milnor, Patton and Leib were appointed the Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Bro^rs. Town, McKaraher and John McElwee were appointed to be the Room Committee for the ensuing Year.

On Motion for an Adjournment, it was agreed to Adjourn to the Third Monday in the present Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes were then read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M. to the Third Monday in this Month at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th Decem^r, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton, Dep^y. Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, Senr. Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong, Junr. Grand Warden, p. T.
Bro^r. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Benge, Junr. Grand Deacon, p. T.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" Frederick Miller, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 65, 67 and 71 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Communication was read.

A Letter from N°. 64 was read, it was accompanied by the following Returns, to wit:

Return of Members up to S^t. John's Day last, returning 16

Standing Members; Returning J—— H——, Expelled, and J—— C——, T—— and R—— B——, Candidates rejected. Election Return of Officers for 12 Months from last St. John's Day, Returning Robert Cooper, Master; William Rayen, Senr. Warden; James Walker, Junr. Warden; Robert Irwin, Junr., Secretary; Robert Irwin, Senr., Treasurer; And a Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge were referred to Brothers Barker, Griffith and Patton to examine and report thereon.

A Report from Bror. Matthias Kaler was read setting forth that in Compliance with a Dispensation from the R. W. G. M. he had on the 12th Day of March last, duly Installed Bror. Thomas Church, Master of Lodge No. 75, held at Pughtown, Coventry Township. Chester Co.

The Petition of W—— T——, formerly a Member of Lodge No. 56, held at Carlisle, was read. It stated that he had regularly withdrawn from said Lodge and obtained a Grand Lodge Certificate, and that some considerable time after, and when he was no longer a Member of the said Lodge, he had been expelled, and praying of this Grand Lodge a due investigation of his Masonic Conduct and Character, and of the proceedings of the said Lodge concerning his Expulsion. Said Petition was accompanied with a Certificate under the Seal of the Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburgh, dated 6th of Novr. last, Certifying that during the said Petitioner's residence in Pittsburgh he had "behaved himself as an industrious, sober, careful, worthy Citizen."

A Letter under the Seal of Lodge No. 56, dated the 13th July last, to Bror. James McDonald, Proxy of the said Lodge, setting forth the cause of the said expulsion, was then read.

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, the said Petition and all matters relating thereto were referr'd to Brors. Israel Israel, Milnor, Griffith, Baker and Watson to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the Bye Laws of Lodge No. 5, the 4th June last, Reported, that they find nothing repugnant to the Ancient Constitution contained in the said Bye Laws, which Report was accepted.

The Committee appointed on the 23d April last, on the Bye

Laws of Lodge No. 65, made their Report which was in the words following, to wit: "Having examined the said Bye "Laws, find them agreeable to the Constitution and Regula- "tion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, except the follow- "ing words in the Second Section of said Bye Laws, after the "word admission, viz: *unless it be some known Character, nor "then unless it be a Case of Emergency,* as the Power of making "Masons in Case of Emergency, belongs to the R. W. Grand "Master or his Deputy, we are of the Opinion that the said "Words, in the Second Section of said Bye Laws are Con- "trary to the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand "Lodge of Pennsylvania, and ought to be expunged;" which Report was approved of and Bro^r. Grand Secr^y. was directed to Communicate the same to Lodge No. 65 as soon as may be.

A Motion was made and Seconded, to take up the Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws for further Consideration. On the Question being taken it was lost.

The Minutes were then read and this Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M., to St. John's Day next, at 10 o'clock in the Morning.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 27th, A. L. 5798.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Communication, St. John's Day.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Peter La Barbier Duplessis, Dep^y. Grand M^r., p.T.
" Edward Fox, Senior Grand Warden, p. T.
" John Poor, Junior Grand Warden, p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" James Milnor, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Frederick Miller, Grand Pursuivant, P. T.
" William Healy, Grand Tyler, P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, 73 and 75 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Officers was read.

The following Returns were receiv'd and read, viz.:

Lodge No. 2. Election Return for the ensuing 6 Months returning David Irving, Mr.; Robert Pullen, S. W.; Darby M. Donough, J. W.; John Phillips, Secretary; John Cope, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 50 Standing Members and Returning S—— M——, Expelled. Account of Grand Lodge dues from St. John's Day, December, 1797, to this Day Amounting to Ds. 35.72.

Lodge No. 19. Election Return for the ensuing 6 Months, returning William Potter, Mr.; John Coyle, S. W.; Peter Helm, J. W.; Matthew Watson, Secy.; Peter Benson, Treasr.

Lodge No. 52. Election Return for the ensuing 6 Months, returning Cadwallader Griffith, Mr.; Jacob Eglee, S. W.; George Springer, J. W.; William Franklin, Secy.; George Morton, Treasr.

Lodge No. 71. Election Return for the ensuing 6 Months, returning William Nelson, Mr.; Samuel Patterson, S. W.; John Thompson, J. W.; Samuel Hamilton, Secy.; John Alexander, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 73. Election Return for the ensuing 6 Months, returning Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Mr.; Joseph Henry Chevalier, S. W.; Ch. Nichs. Donation Gervais, J. W.; Stanislaus Foucher, Secretary; John Baptiste Lois, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 75. Election Return for 6 Months from St. John's Day, June last, returning John Worthington, Mr.; Jesse Roberts, S. W.; John Smith, J. W.; Isachar Pugh, Secy.; Thomas Church, Treasr. Election Return for 6 Months from this Day, returning Jesse Roberts, Mr.; Samuel Townsend, S. W.; Caleb Jones, J. W.; Thomas Church, Secy.; Jacob Landis, Treasr. Return of Members, returning 11 Standing Members.

The Committee appointed on the 17th Instant, on the Petition of Brother W—— T——, made Report in the words following:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania. The Committee appointed on the Petition of Bro.
"W—— T——, complaining of his Expulsion from Lodge
"No. 56, at Carlisle, beg leave respectfully to Report:"

"That they have examined and considered the Documents
"and other Proofs with which they have been furnished, and
"find that by the Returns of the said Lodge, it appears that
"our said Brother was expelled by Lodge No. 56, on the 8th
"of March, 5797, and that he had previously obtained a Cer-
"tificate of discharge from the said Lodge, and in Conse-
"quence thereof a Certificate from this R. W. Grand Lodge,
"which latter Certificate is dated Oct. 3, 5795. Of course it
"was not in the power of Lodge No. 56 to expel Bro^r. T——,
"he not being at the time it took place a Member thereof;
"the Committee do not think it necessary to add anything
"relative to the merits of the ground of Expulsion stated by
"the Lodge, but from what has appeared to them they believe
"it right to state that the proceedings of Lodge No. 56 in this
"instance have not exactly squared with the rules of Masonry,
"and they feel anxious that care should be observed by the
"Lodges under our Jurisdiction to weigh the Causes of Com-
"plaint against their members very seriously before they pro-
"nounce the most Solemn and Severe punishment Masonry
"can inflict. In the case submitted to the Committee they
"recommend a resolution of the Grand Lodge declaring the
"Expulsion of Bro. W—— T—— to be unmasonic and void.
"Sign'd, Israel Israel, John Barker, Cadw^r. Griffith, James
"Milnor, Matth. Watson."

Which Report having been read, it was Moved, Seconded and Agreed, That the said Report be accepted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary furnish Lodge No. 56 and Brother T—— with a Copy of the same, and Lodge No. 56 be requested to enter the same on their minutes.

It was Moved, Seconded and Agreed, That this Grand Lodge do now proceed to the Installation of the Officers for the ensuing year.

Bro^r. Duplessis then proceeded to the Installation of the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., Grand Master elect, which being done, he was duly proclaimed Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and Saluted as such according to Ancient Custom and Usage.

Bro^r. Duplessis, by desire of the R. W. G. M., then installed the R. W. Israel Israel, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master elect, which being done, he was duly proclaimed and saluted accordingly.

Bro^r. Duplessis also installed

The R. W. James Milnor, Esqr., as Senior Grand Warden.
" Charles Patton, . . Junior Grand Warden.
Bro^r. George A. Baker, . Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, . . Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Benge, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Rev^d. Doct^r. John Andrews, Grand Chaplain.
" Daniel McKaraher, } Grand Stewards.
" Andrew Nilson, }
" Richard R. Cusack, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor, Grand Marshal.

The Room Committee not having reported on the Subject of Tylers committed to them, the Appointment of Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler was continued over.

A List of the Officers of the Grand Chapter of the H. R. A. of Pennsylvania for the ensuing year was received and read, returning

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Ex Officio, } Grand Chiefs.
M. E. Praise Wadman, }
M. E. John Service, }
M. E. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., G. S.
M. E. Daniel McKaraher, G. T.
M. E. Andrew Nilson, G. R. A. Captain.

M. E. Thomas Town, 1st G. M.
M. E. William Leo, 2d G. M.
M. E. Richard Babe, 3d G. M.
M. E. Revd. William Smith, D. D., G. Chaplain.

The R. W. G. M. then addressed the Lodge on the Subject of their having again unanimously elected him to fill the Chair, Whereupon,

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved unanimously, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be pleased to accept the Thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the very instructing, Brotherly and energetic address he has just now delivered, and to deliver a Copy thereof to the Grand Secretary, that the same may be placed on the minutes of this Lodge.

The R. W. D. G. M. then addressed the Lodge and returned the Brethren his Thanks for the Honour done him by electing him to the said Office.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to make enquiry whether this G. L. can be further accommodated with the Room they now meet in when their Lease shall expire, and if not, to make enquiry what other place may be obtained for that purpose, and make Report. Brors. Milnor, John Smith, junr., John McElwee, Lawrence and McKaraher were appointed to be that Committee.

On Motion for an Adjournment it was Agreed to Adjourn to the Third Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

The Minutes were then read and the Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge and Lodges in the City expended in this year the sum of Ds. $2998\frac{10}{100}$ in Charity, whereof the sum of Ds. $1726\frac{87}{100}$ was expended by the French Lodge, L'Amenite, No. 73.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st January, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Communication.

Present:

The R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., Senior Grand Warden.
" Charles Patton, Junior Grand Warden.
Brot. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Benge, Junior Grand Deacon.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" Frederick Miller, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71 and 72 represented.

Twelve Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Following Returns were received and Read, viz:

Lodge No. 3. Election Return of December, 5797, Returning Israel Israel, Master; John Barker, S. W.; Saml. Israel, J. W.; James Connor, Secy.; Elijah Griffith, Tr. Election Return of December, 1798, Returning Samuel Israel, Mr.; John Smith, S. W.; Elijah Griffith, J. W.; James Cannon, Secy.; Samuel Benge, Treasurer. Return of Members from June, 1797, to St. John's Day last, returning 39 Standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues from June, 1797, to St. John's Day last.

Lodge No. 9. Election Return of December last, Returning Andrew Nilson, Mr.; Henry Kinsley, S. W.; George Read, J. W.; Thomas T. Peters, Secry.; William Huckle, Treasurer. Return of Members returning 45 Standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to St. John's Day.

Lodge No. 52. Return of Members from June, 1797, to St. John's Day last, returning 21 Standing Members.

Lodge No. 67. Election Return of December last, returning Michael Leib, Mr.; Isaac Painter, S. W.; John Uhle, J. W.; Lodewyk Sharpe, Secry.; Adam Eckfeldt, Treasr. Return of Members, returning 29 Standing Members.

Lodge N°. 77. Return of Members since the Commencement of said Lodge returning 35 Standing Members. Also, a Communication from said Lodge which was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Plan referr'd by Lodge N°. 3 to this R. W. G. L. for erecting a Structure wherein the different Lodges in this city may perform their Labours was received and read. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Officers of the Grand Lodge and the Masters of the several Lodges in this City to examine and report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the 17th December last, on the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 64, made Report in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania: We, the Committee appointed on the 17th December,
"5798, to examine the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 64, held at
"Greensburg, respectfully Report, That they have carefully
"examined the said Bye Laws and find them consistent with
"Masonry, except Article the Third, which they conceive
"should be totally expunged, as it might have a tendency to
"create Religious Disputes within the Lodge, which would
"be inconsistent with Masonic Principles. The Article which
"your Committee objects to is in the following words, viz.:
"'3rd. If any Member of this Lodge be debarred the Privileges
"of the Church to which he belongs, he shall also be debarred
"the Privileges of this Lodge until he produces the Crime
"that he is charged with in writing, Signed by the Minister,
"to the Worshipful Master when in the Chair, when he shall
"have an impartial Trial, and if found Guilty of the Crime
"alleged, the punishment shall be agreeable to the Nature of
"the Offense.' Philada., 17th Jany. 1799. (Signed) John
"Baker, Cadwr. Griffith, Chas. Patton."

Which Report was approved of and the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a Copy thereof to the said Lodge N°. 64.

The Committee of Accounts made Report on the Account of Bro^r. McElwee, Grand Treasurer, in the words following, to wit.:

"The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's "a/cs., Respectfully Report, That they find all the Charges "to correspond with the Vouchers, and that there remains a "balance due him of £11. 18. 10½ to the 27th Decr., 1798. "And that he has receiv'd the Amount of £96. 5, as Con-"tributions from the several Lodges, as specified by his State-"ment, towards the Dispensary, which sum of £96. 5, re-"mains unappropriated by him. Philada., Jany. 21, 1799. "(Signed) Chas. Patton, Saml. Israel, James Milnor," which Report was approved of.

The Petition of Maria Duncan, Widow of George Duncan, late Member of Lodge No. 3, held at Newbern in North Carolina, stating her distress and praying relief was read and referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Mary Gatty, Widow of Joseph Gatty, late a Member of Lodge No. 2, setting forth her distress and praying for Assistance was read and referr'd to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The further Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge, continued over from the 26th January, A. L., 5798, was then resumed, and after some further amendments being made therein the same were unanimously adopted as the Rules and Regulations for the future government of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and on Motion,

Order'd that 500 Copies of the same be Printed and that a List of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, their Numbers, places of Meeting, &c., &c., be added thereto, and

Brors. Milnor and Baker were appointed a Committee to superintend the publishing of the same.

The Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with and this Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at ½ past 10 o'clock, P. M.

George A. Baker,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Charles Patton, Senr. Grand Warden, p. T.
" Samuel Israel, Junr. Grand Warden, p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Benge, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 33, 51, 52, 59 and 71 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, R. W. D. G. M., at the request of the R. W. G. M., took the Chair and Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly and Grand Communication, and of the different Adjourned Communications held since the period were read.

The Minutes of the different Meetings of the Standing Committee of Charity held since the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved of. By said Minutes it appeared that the following sums had been granted by the said Committee, viz:

1798, Decr. 11.	Bro^r. John Konkapot, for Gun paid by Bro^r. William Nelson	D^s.	12.50
"	Bro^r. Frances Tippo.		3.
"	Widow Bridget Correy.		10.
"	Widow of Bro^r. John Whelon		15.
"	Bro^r. Bernard De Lamarquese		5.
"	Bro^r. John Connor's Widow		10.
1799, Jany. 7.	Widow Mary Lawless		3.
"	Widow Elizabeth McDonald		6.
"	Widow Mary Nowlan		8.
"	Bro^r. John Service's Family		8.
"	Widow Sparks.		10.

1799, Febr$^{y.}$	18.	Widow Maria Duncan . . .	10.
	"	Widow Mary Gatty . . .	10.
	"	Widow Helen Stuart . . .	10.
	"	Barth$^{o.}$ Von Heer	3.
		Total . . . . . D$^{s.}$	128.50

A Letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated 9th Ult$^{o.}$, was read. It was in Answer to the Communication of this Grand Lodge respecting the Application made the 4th June last, for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Charlestown, Brooke County, Virginia, (the same being within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia,) and signified that the said G. L. of Virginia declined giving its Sanction to the establishment of a Lodge in Charlestown aforesaid, under any other Jurisdiction than that of the G. L. of Virginia.

Thereupon, a letter from Bro$^{r.}$ William McKennan to the R. W. D. G. M., dated Charlestown, Nov$^{r.}$ 20th last, was read. It was requested that instead of granting a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Charlestown, above mentioned (as prayed in the Petition presented the 4th June last), it might be granted for holding a Lodge at the *Old Mingo Town*, in the Northwestern Territory; Which former Petition being in form agreeably to the Rules of this Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro$^{r.}$ Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of William McKennan, Master; Zenas Kimberly, Senior Warden, and John Agnew, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be Numbered 78.

A Petition from several Brethren resident in and about Chambersburg, in Franklin County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Chambersburg, which being recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro$^{r.}$ Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of James Chambers, Master; Owen

Aston, Senior Warden, and Peter Whitesides, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be Numbered 79.

A Notification of the Rejection of E—— H——, who Petitioned to be Initiated in Lodge N°. 19, was received and read.

The Return of Members of Lodge N°. 51 up to S^t. John's Day last, and their Account of Grand Lodge dues up to the same period, was received and read; also, their Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, Returning Bro^r. Charles Patton, W. Master; Josiah McElwaine, Senr. Warden; Simon Gratz, Junr. Warden; Samuel Watt, Secretary; Edward Thursby, Treasurer.

Return of Members of Lodge N°. 59 up to S^t. John's Day last was received and read, as also their Account of G. L. dues up to the same period. Also, a Copy of their Bye Laws which were referr'd to Brothers Patton, Griffith and Milnor to examine and Report thereon.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 67 was presented and referr'd to Brothers Patton, Griffith and Milnor to examine and Report thereon.

A Motion was made to amend the 3^d Section of the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge by Striking out the words "but no "Member shall act as Proxy for more than One Lodge at a "time," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "but no Mem-"ber shall as Proxy, have more than One Vote in this Grand "Lodge." On the Question being taken it was carried unanimously.

RULES and REGULATIONS

for the GOVERNMENT of the GRAND LODGE of PENNSYLVANIA,

As Revised and Unanimously Adopted on the 4th day of March, A. L. 5799.

I. The Grand Lodge shall be constituted of the Grand Officers for the time being, of past Grand Officers, and of the Masters and Wardens for the time being, of all Lodges under this jurisdiction, of past Masters continuing members of some

Lodge, who either shall have actually presided a regular time in some lodge under this jurisdiction, or have heretofore been passed by a Dispensation, but no past Master to be made in future by Dispensation shall as such be a member of this Grand Lodge, nor shall any Brother be a Member of the same unless he is also a Member of some regular Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

II. The Grand Lodge shall hold Quarterly Communications on the first Monday of March, June, September and December, and Grand Communications on each St. John's Day in every year. They shall also meet on their own adjournments, and on the order of the Right Worshipful Grand Master. The Quarterly Communications shall be at 7 o'clock in the evening, from the 20th March to the 22d September; and at 6 o'clock in the evening, from the 22d September to the 20th March. The different Lodges shall attend all stated Meetings by their Officers or Deputies with or without notice, nevertheless the Grand Secretary shall cause public notice to be given in one or more of the public newspapers of the City of Philadelphia on the four Mondays preceding, and on that of the Meeting of each Communication; and shall send summonses to all the Members within three miles of the place of all stated or occasional Meetings.

III. Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, or within three miles thereof, shall be represented in Grand Lodge by their Master and Wardens, or either of them; but any distant Lodge may be represented by a Proxy. None but a Brother who has passed the Chair agreeably to the first article shall be admitted as the Proxy of any lodge; and his commission, as Proxy, must be under the Seal of the Lodge that appoints him, signed by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary. But no member shall as Proxy have more than one vote.

IV. When five or more lodges are represented and the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or other presiding Officer has taken the chair and has given due notice, the Brethren shall take their seats, the Masters or Proxies and past Masters of each Lodge taking place on the left hand of

the Right Worshipful Grand Master, according to the Seniority of their respective Lodges, and in like manner the Wardens of the several Lodges taking place on the right hand of the Right Worshipful Grand Master. Visitors shall sit in a second row on the right hand of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, unless invited to other seats by the Right Worshipful Grand Master or presiding officer.

V. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer respectively, shall be chosen by ballot at the Communication next before the feast of St. John the Evangelist in every year. And if any two or more shall have an equal number of votes in their favour, for any of the offices aforesaid, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken which shall be confined to the persons who on the first ballot shall have had an equal number; And if the ballots should again be equal between two or more Brethren for any of the offices aforesaid, then the election for the said office shall be determined by lot between those who shall have equal numbers; and a majority of the votes of the whole number of the members present shall be necessary to the election of any officer, subject to the provision above-mentioned in case of an equality of votes.

VI. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer so chosen, shall be installed in their respective offices if practicable on the said St. John the Evangelist's Day; and after such installment the Grand Master shall appoint the Grand Deacons, Grand Chaplain, Grand Stewards, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler: But no Brother shall be appointed to any of the before-mentioned offices (except Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler) who has not passed the Chair of some regular Lodge, under this or some other ancient jurisdiction to be made known by proper vouchers.

VII. The Grand Secretary shall have the care of the archives. He shall keep fair records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall keep a register for the particular

purpose of entering all Warrants, Dispensations, Certificates, the names of every member of each lodge, and the returns from the several lodges. And shall transmit all the necessary communications to the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and to other Grand lodges. He shall furnish the first-named brother on every Committee, as soon as possible, with a copy of the minutes and Papers which respect the business of such committee, for which he shall take a receipt: And the brother so first-named shall call the committee together and be answerable for the papers, which he shall return with the report. He may appoint a Deputy, subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

The fees of the Grand Secretary shall be as follows:

	dollars.
For making out and recording each Warrant,	4
For making out and recording each Dispensation,	2
For each Certificate,	1
For registering the names of brethren returned to the Grand Lodge, and by him registered, he shall be paid out of the Grand Lodge fund one eighth of a dollar for every member.	

VIII. The Grand Master with his Deputy, the Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary shall annually visit all the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or, when the performance of that duty becomes impracticable, he shall, as often as necessary, appoint visitors of different districts, composed of the Grand Officers, or such other brethren as he may think proper, who shall faithfully report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, according to instructions given them.

IX. There shall be a Committee of Charity, which shall consist of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Masters of the respective Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five of whom shall be authorized to do business. The duty of this committee shall be to meet in the city of Philadelphia on the third Monday in every month, or oftener, if necessary, to receive such

applications as may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge, or in case of emergency, presented to them from distressed brethren, their widows, or orphans, and afford them such relief as the situation of the fund will allow and the circumstances of the applicants call for; provided that they shall not grant more than ten dollars in any case not referred to them. The Grand Treasurer shall pay all the orders of the said committee, duly signed by the presiding officer and countersigned by the Secretary, charging the Charity Fund therewith, and the said Committee shall keep minutes of their proceedings which shall be read in Grand Lodge at every communication.

X. There shall be a Committee of Correspondence appointed at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, in every year.

XI. At the close of every year a committee shall be appointed to examine and settle the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts; who shall report at the next Quarterly Communication.

XII. No brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge, unless he is a member thereof, except a brother who is a petitioner or witness in some case depending, or one called in by motion. And no brother shall appear in Grand Lodge without the jewel of his office.

XIII. A majority of the members present shall determine every question, and in case of a tie the brother in the chair shall have a casting vote. If any one Lodge request the vote to be taken by ballot, it shall be so taken. No vote shall be reconsidered by a smaller number of Lodges than were present when the vote passed, nor on the same day on which the motion to reconsider is made. No vote shall be passed at an extra Lodge, in which a distant Lodge is particularly interested, without previous notice to that Lodge, or their Proxy: And if such Lodge or their Proxy request it (unless in cases which two-thirds of the Lodges present shall judge to be too urgent to admit of delay) the decision shall be referred to the next communication.

XIV. Every question moved and seconded shall be put by the presiding Officer; and no new matter shall be brought

forward until that under consideration shall be first decided. No brother shall speak more than twice upon the same question without special permission, or to explain himself. The presiding officer shall determine all questions of order.

XV. Whenever the Grand Master or presiding officer rises, all debates shall cease, and there shall be a strict silence.

XVI. If any member is twice called to order, at any one Communication for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offence of the same nature, the presiding officer shall peremptorily order him to quit the Lodge Room for that night, and any member excluded the Grand Communication shall also be excluded every lodge under this jurisdiction, until restored by the Grand Lodge, of which the Grand Secretary shall notify every lodge.

XVII. No member of the Grand Lodge, as such, shall be subject to the payment of dues.

XVIII. Every Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall, on or before the next St. John the Evangelist's Day, transmit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of all their members, with the time of their having been initiated, or admitted members, and a copy of their Bye Laws, and on every St. John the Evangelist's Day following, a list of their Initiations, Admissions, Passings, Raisings, Deaths, Rejections of Candidates, and Expulsion of Members, together with a copy of such alterations or additions as shall have been made to their Bye Laws since the last copy may have been so transmitted, and also a return of their election of officers to the communication next following such election.

XIX. No new Warrant shall be granted but on petition of at least five, and the recommendation of at least three, known and approved Master Masons; nor shall a new Warrant be granted to any number of Masons in the country, residing within five miles of the place of meeting mentioned in the Warrant of an established lodge and who are members of the said lodge, without the consent of such lodge, signified under the seal thereof. Every Warrant shall be accompanied with a copy of the Constitutions and Bye Laws; also with a list of the lodges under this jurisdiction, and the times and places of their meetings.

Every Lodge shall pay for a Warrant, before delivered, the sum of . . . . . Dollars 32
For every Dispensation, ... 4
For every Certificate, ... 1

XX. No Warrant which may in future be granted shall have the precedence in number of a lodge whose Warrant bears an older date.

XXI. Each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay annually into the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the rate of Eighty Four cents for every member of which it may consist, and one dollar for every initiation.

XXII. Any Lodge in arrears with this Grand Lodge for two years dues shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if their dues are not discharged within six months from the date of such notice, the Warrant of such Lodge shall be considered as suspended, and unless satisfactory reasons for such neglect are adduced to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication, the Warrant of such Lodge shall be vacated.

XXIII. All Appeals from any private Lodge shall be made in writing and left with the Grand Secretary; and the Appellant shall give the other party notice thereof at least ten days if in the city, and twenty if in the country, before proceedings shall be had thereon.

XXIV. No brother shall have a Certificate unless he is about to leave this State, nor until all dues are certified by the Secretary of his own Lodge to have been paid; nor without the recommendation of the said Lodge, under the seal thereof, signed by the Master and Wardens, and countersigned by the Secretary; and all Certificates shall be signed by the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

XXV. There shall be no Processions but with consent of two-thirds of the Members present at the Communication next preceding the Feast of St. John, when the same is to take place. And no funeral processions shall be had within nine miles of the City of Philadelphia without an application to the Grand Master or Senior Grand officer present, made by the Master or Wardens of such Lodge as the deceased brother did

belong to; or by five brethren, if the deceased brother was a stranger, and did not belong to any Lodge, nor without the consent of the Grand Master, or in his absence, of his Deputy.

XXVI. Upon the demise of any Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of said Lodge, shall, within three months after such demise, surrender to the Grand Secretary the Warrant, Books, Papers, Jewels, Furniture and Funds of said Lodge, and the last presiding officer shall transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory or schedule thereof, and be answerable for the performance of this article; nor shall any Member of said demised Lodge be elected into any other Lodge, nor entitled to the benefits of this institution till he shall have paid all arrears, due from him to said Lodge, to the Grand Treasurer.

List of Lodges held under the Jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

NO.	PLACES OF MEETING.	DAYS OF MEETING.
2.	Philadelphia,	2d and 4th Monday.
3.	ditto,	3d Tuesday.
5.	Cantwell's Bridge,	last Thursday.
8.	Norristown,	3d Tuesday.
9.	Philadelphia,	1st Friday.
11.	London Grove Township, Chester Co.,	Full Moon.
12.	Winchester, Virginia,	1st Monday.
14.	Wilmington, Delaware State,	1st Thursday.
18.	British 17th Regiment of Foot.	
18.	Dover.	
19.	Philadelphia,	1st and 3d Thursday.
21.	Harrisburg.	
22.	Sunbury,	Full Moon.
25.	Bristol,	1st Tuesday.
26.	Carlisle.	
31.	Norristown,	1st Saturday.
35.	Joppa.	
41.	Portsmouth, Virginia.	
43.	Lancaster.	
44.	Duck Creek,	1st Thursday.
45.	Pittsburgh,	2d Tuesday.
46.	Churchtown, Lancaster County.	
47.	Union of Franco American Hearts, Port au Prince.	
48.	Bedford.	
50.	Sign of the White Horse, Chester County.	

NO.	PLACES OF MEETING.	DAYS OF MEETING.
51.	Philadelphia,	2d and 4th Thursday.
52.	Harmony Lodge, ditto,	1st & 3d Wednesday.
53.	St. Louis Lodge, ditto,	2d & 4th Wednesday.
54.	in the Town of Washington, Washington Co., Pennsylvania,	3d Tuesday.
55.	Huntingdon.	
56.	Carlisle,	2d Wednesday.
57.	Newtown,	1st Tuesday.
58.	With the Army of the United States.	
59.	Washington Lodge, Philadelphia,	2d and 4th Tuesday.
60.	Fort Burd, Fayette County,	1st Monday.
61.	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County,	1st Monday.
62.	Reading,	1st Wednesday.
63.	Lewistown, Delaware State.	
64.	Greensburg, Westmoreland County,	2d Monday.
65.	Great Bend of Susquehannah, Luzerne County.	
66.	Robinson Township, Berks County,	last Monday.
67.	Concordia Lodge, Philadelphia,	4th Saturday.
68.	in the Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County.	
69.	Chester,	last Tuesday.
70.	Tyoga Point, Luzerne County.	
71.	Orange Lodge, Philadelphia,	4th Wednesday.
72.	Philadelphia Lodge, ditto,	2d Saturday & the 29th day of every month.
73.	The French Lodge Amenite, ditto,	every Wednesday.
74.	in the Town of Concord, Franklin County.	
75.	Pugh Town, Chester County.	
76.	at the Town of Newville, Cumberland County.	
77.	Lodge Les Freres Unis, at Port D'Espagne in the Island of Trinidad.	
78.	at the Old Mingo Towns in the North Western Territory.	
79.	Chambersburg, Franklin County.	

The R. W. G. M. stated that Bro^r. J. J. Cornwell, Member of Lodge N°. 17, in Virginia, had made application to the Standing Committee of Charity for a Loan of 50 Dollars, but that the said Committee, doubtful of their power of making a loan had not granted this request, thereupon on Motion made and Seconded, It was agreed that the sum of 50 Dollars be loaned to Bro^r. Cornwell to be by him returned to this Grand Lodge, and an Order was drawn on the Grand Treasurer for said Sum in favor of Bro^r. Cornwell.

A Motion was made by the R. W. G. Master, and Seconded, That the Income of the Lot of Ground, presented to this Grand Lodge by our late Bro^r. Joseph Dean, should be vested in Bro^r. Dean's Widow during the Term of her Natural Life, and on the question being taken, it was unanimously agreed to, and the R. W. G. M., the R. W. D. G. M. and Bro^r. Samuel Israel were appointed a Committee to carry the same into effect in such manner as shall appear to them to be most advantageous to Bro^r. Dean's Widow, and

On Motion, Resolved, That the Standing Committee of Charity do consider the particular situation of said Widow, and pay due respect to the same.

Bro^r. Samuel Israel was appointed in the room of Bro^r. John McElwee, (who is absent,) on the Committee to enquire what place may be obtained for the Meetings of this Grand Lodge after their present Lease expires.

The Minutes of this Evening were then read and Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the First Monday in June Next, at 7 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3^d June, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Charles Patton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Junior Grand Deacon, p. T.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72 and 73 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The Minutes of the different Meetings of the Standing Committee of Charity held since the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved of. It appeared by the said Minutes that the said Committee had granted the following Sums, to wit:

1799.	March 18,	Bro^r. Joseph Dean's Widow, .	Doll. 25.
	April 15,	Bro^r. Alexander Robinson's Widow,	5.
	"	Bro^r. Joseph Speer, N°. 11, London Grove, ...	15.
	May 20,	Bro^r. James Forbes, N°. 255, London,	10.
	"	Bro^r. William Seller's Widow, .	10.
	"	Bro^r. Edward Robinson's Widow, .	10.
			Doll^s. 75.

That Bro^r. McCarthy's account for 5 times Summoning the Members of said Committee, his Attendance and Candles, amounting to 4 Dollars, was ordered to be paid, and

That the R. W. Grand Master had in compliance with a Resolution of said Committee of the 18th February last, directed 50 Guineas to be paid to the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Dispensary, and received a Certificate for 5 perpetual Shares in the said Institution in the Name of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master, (who together with the R. W. Deputy Grand Master had been appointed a Committee to present the above-mentioned sum of D^s. 25 to Bro^r. Dean's Widow,) Reported, that the R. W. D. G. M. and himself had waited on M^rs. Dean with the same; That she thank'd the Brethren for the attention paid to her and inform'd them that there had been a time when her situation was such that the same would have been of great service to her, but that she now found herself in better circumstances, that she had no doubts but the Brethren had many objects which stood in

greater need of it than she did at present, and therefore very politely declined receiving it.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia dated the 27th December last, was received, read and Ordered to be filed; it contained a List of the R. W. Grand Officers for this Year, being

The Honble Richard Bulkely, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
Duncan Clark, Esqr., R. W. D. Grand Master.
James Clarke, Esqr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
John Bremner, Esqr., R. W. Junr. Grand Warden.
John Selby, Gent^n., R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. W. Schwartz, Esqr., R. W. Grand Treasurer.

and communicated the Expulsion of J—— C——, from Lodge No. 155; W—— W——, No. 7; S—— H——, C—— B——, No. 22; P—— A——, No. 25.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia dated the 28th March last, was received, read and Ordered to be filed; it communicated the Names of the R. W. Grand Officers for the present Year, being

Benjamin Day, R. W. Grand Master.
William Austin, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Alexander McRae, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
Littleton W. Tazewell, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
William H. Fitzwhylsonn, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Joseph Darmstadt, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

and communicated the Expulsion of E—— K, F—— C——, A—— C——, S—— M——, J—— McI——, from Lodge No. 17, held in Charlotte County; T—— T——, No. 27, Harrisburg; W—— P——, No. 37, Hick's Ford; F—— F——, No. 38, Buckingham Courthouse; J—— W——, No. 42, Bath Springs; J—— J—— and W—— B——, No. 45, Campbell Courthouse.

A Communication from Bro^r. William Belton, R. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was read and referr'd to the R. W. D. G. M. and R. W. S. G. W., Bro^rs. Leib, Town and Griffith, to examine and Report thereon.

A Petition from Sundry Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the Sign of the United States

Arms in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, which being duly recommended agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly in the names of Henry Barns, Master; George McWilliams, Senior Warden, and Andrew Charles, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be Numbered 80 and called "Unity."

A Copy of Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 3 was receiv'd and referr'd to Bro^rs. Patton, Griffith and A. Nilson to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns were received and read, Viz:

Lodge N°. 5, to wit: Election Returns of S^t. John's Day last, returning John Moody, W. M.; Richard C. Dale, S. W.; William Bradford, J. W.; John Hutton, Secretary; Christopher Weaver, Treasurer. Return of Members up to S^t. John's Day last, returning 15 Standing Members, and Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to same Time.

Lodge N°. 11, to wit: Election Return of S^t. John's Day, December, 1797. James Maffat, W. M^r.; James R. Bell, S. W.; Thomas Ewart, J. W.; James Kilton, Sec^y.; Robert Miller, Treasurer. Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning James R. Bell, W. M.; Thomas Ewart, S. W.; John Boyd, J. W.; John M. Carlile, Secr^y.; Robert Miller, Treasurer. Return of Members to S^t. John's Day, December, 1797, returning 24 Standing Members and returning J—— M^cF——, Expelled; J—— C—— and W—— A——, Rejected. Return of Members to S^t. John's Day last, returning 22 Standing Members and A—— W——, Rejected. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to S^t. John's Day, December, 1797.

Lodge N°. 33. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to S^t. John's Day last.

Lodge N°. 59, to wit: Election return of S^t. John's Day last, returning Robert Jackson, W. M.; Thomas Anderson, S. W.; John Rorke, J. W.; Robert McElwee, Secretary; John McElwee, Treasurer. Notification of the Restoration of Bro^r. Atcheson Thompson, to the Rights and Privileges of Mem-

bership in said Lodge N°. 59, and Notification of the Expulsion of R—— R. C——, T—— G——, T—— G——, J—— R——, R—— T. R——, J—— J——, S—— H——, for Non payment of Dues.

Lodge N°. 73. Return of Members to St. John's Day last, returning 44 Standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to same time.

Bro^r. Baker informed this Grand Lodge that the New Aprons, &c., now worn by the Grand Officers, were presented to the G. Lodge by Bro^r. Benge, Junr. Grand Deacon, and read a Letter received by him from Bro^r. Benge on the Subject, which letter was in the words following:

"Sir: I have sent to you Five of the Grand Lodge Aprons, "the other for the Treasurer, because we had not the Jewel, "he painted it wrong, so that I must make another. The G. "M. and D. G. M. have got theirs. I send these to you that "you may deliver them to the different Officers, the whole of "which I know is Masonic, and I present them as a present "to the Grand Lodge with due respects. Yours affectionately, "Samuel Benge, March 20, 1799. To Bro^r. George A. Baker."

Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, that the Thanks of this G. L. be presented to Bro^r. Benge for the handsome present by him made to the same, and that Brother Grand Secretary communicate this Resolution to B^r. Benge.

The said Present consisted of

Two Sashes (Purple) for the R. W. G. M. and R. W. D. G. M.

An Apron of White Satin for the R. W. G. M.

Seven Leather Aprons for the R. W. D. G. M., S. W., J. W., Sec^y., Treasurer, S. D. and J. D.

All the Aprons trimm'd with broad Purple Ribband and Gold Lace.

Hangings of Broad Purple, trimm'd with Gold Lace, for the Jewels of the above mentioned Eight Officers.

The Committee appointed to examine the Bye Laws of Lodges N°. 59 and N°. 67 made Report in the Words following: "The Committee appointed to examine and Report on the "Bye Laws of Concordia Lodge, N°. 67 and Washington

"Lodge, No. 59, Respectfully Report to the R. W. Grand "Lodge, That they have performed the service assigned them, "and find nothing in the said Bye Laws derogatory of the "Rules and Principles of the Craft. June 1st, 1799. Chas. "Patton, James Milnor, Cadwallader Griffith;" which Report was Accepted.

Bro^r. Milnor, of the Committee appointed to enquire what place may be obtained for the future Meetings of this Grand Lodge after their present Lease expires, Reported, That the Room wherein this G. L. now meet cannot be had after the expiration of the said Lease. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Agreed, that the Grand Secretary write to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction requesting them to communicate as expeditiously as possible what Sums of Money they will respectively contribute towards the purchasing or erecting a building for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this City.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Committee on the plan of erecting a Building were discharged.

On Motion and Seconded, the Plan for erecting a Building referr'd to this G. L. by Lodge No. 3 was referr'd to Bro^rs. the R. W. D. G. Master, John Smith, jun^r., Patton, Griffith and Armstrong to consider and make Report.

On Motion made and Seconded, the Committee appointed to enquire respecting a Temporary place of Meeting for this Grand Lodge were discharged.

On Motion made and Seconded, the enquiry respecting a Temporary place of Meeting was referr'd to the above named Committee on the plan of a Building.

The Minutes of this Evening were then read and G. L. Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to St. John's Day next at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Monday, 24th June, Anno Lucis 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., R. W. G. M., pro Temp.
" John Kessler, R. W. S. G. W., pro Temp.
" Thomas Anderson, R. W. J. G. W., pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, S. G. Deacon.
" Samuel Patterson, J. G. Deacon, pro Temp.
" William Healy, Grand Pursuivant.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 41, 47, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73 and 77 represented.

Twelve Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was Opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The different Lodges were called on to present their Returns, and the following Returns were receiv'd, to wit:

Lodge N°. 3. Election Return, returning John Smith, jun^r., W. M.; Elijah Griffith, S. W.; Thomas Passmore, J. W.; James Conner, Secretary; James Milnor, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9. Election Return, returning Andrew Nilson, W. M.; Briton Estell, S. W.; Joseph Campbell, J. W.; James Wilkins, Secretary; William Huckel, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 19. Election Return, returning John Coyle, W. M.; Kenneth Jewell, S. W.; Obadiah Stockton, J. W.; Matthew Watson, Secretary; Ebenezer Furgeson, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 52. Election Return, returning Cadwallader Griffith, W. M.; George Springer, S. W.; John Duperron, J. W.; William Franklin, Secretary; George Morton, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 59. Election Return, returning Thomas Anderson, W. M.; Thomas Shaw, S. W.; John Ward, J. W.; Robert McElwee, Secretary; John Pragers, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 67. Election Return, returning Michael Leib, W. M.; John Uhle, S. W.; Samuel Passey, J. W.; Lodewyk Sharpe, Secretary; Adam Eckfeld, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 73. Election Return, returning Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, W. M.; Joseph H. Chevalier, S. W.; Peter Edward George, J. W.; Michael Stanislaus Foucher, Secretary; Charles N. D. Gervais, Treasurer.

Brother Duplessis produced his Credentials from Lo. No. 77, executed in due form, appointing him their Representative in this Grand Lodge, which was read and Bro^r. Duplessis recognized as Proxy of said Lodge.

A Communication from Lodge No. 52 was read; it set forth that in their late Return an Error had been committed by Returning Bro^r. John Cresson as Expelled, Whereas the person Expelled was S—— C—— and not Bro^r. Cresson, and requesting that the same might be communicated.

A Letter from Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburgh, and other Papers accompanying the same were read.

Whereupon, there appearing that the said Lodge had in December, 1797, paid a sum of Money Amounting to D^s. $135\frac{10}{100}$ to Bro^r. Matthew Henry, their then Master, to be by him paid to Bro^r. Grand Treasurer on Acco^t. of their Dues which sum has never been paid, And Lodge No. 21 requesting information on the subject, Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary write to the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 21, informing him that no Money was received from Bro^r. Matthew Henry and directing the Lodge to proceed against said Brother as they may think fit to recover the Money thus intrusted in his Hands and to acquaint this Grand Lodge with their proceedings in the Case. Resolved, also, that Brother Grand Secretary write a Letter to Bro^r. M. Henry and enclose to him a Copy of the Letter and other Papers received from Lodge No. 21, requesting his Answer.

The Committee appointed to devise a plan for the erecting a Building for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this City, Reported a Plan which was read, and on Motion, Ordered, that Bro^r. Grand Secretary have 200 Copies of the same Printed for Consideration.

PLAN for raising by Subscription and Chances the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS for the purpose of procuring by Purchase, or otherwise erecting a building to be denominated a FREEMASONS' LODGE.

The Subscribers and holders of Shares shall be known by the name of the *Pennsylvania Free Masons' Hall Association.*

A Book shall be opened containing Scrip to be numbered from 1 to 700 inclusive. But the Scrip numbered 1 to 100 shall be divided into half shares, (for the object of accommodation), and two separate Scrip shall be issued, bearing the same number; any of which being successful, shall be entitled to its equal moiety or half part, as the numbers may be entitled to respectively, which Scrip shall be signed by one of the managers, and contain the following: "The possessor of "this Script shall be entitled to such share or shares, or "moiety of share or shares in the Pennsylvania Free Masons' "Hall Association, as it shall be entitled to in the decision of "chances."

The managers shall receive for every such share of Scrip five dollars, and two dollars and fifty cents for every half share of Scrip.

The shares of Scrip as aforesaid shall be apportioned off into chances, as follows:

1	Fortunate chance of	40	shares is	40	or 200 dollars value.
1	do	30	do	30	150.
1	do	20	do	20	100.
2	do	15	do	30	150.
5	do	10	do	50	250.
10	do	6	do	60	300.
20	do	5	do	100	500.
40	do	3	do	120	600.
125	do	2	do	250	1250.
205	Fortunate chances.				
495	Unfortunate chances.				
700				700	3500

The number of Managers shall depend on Subscribing Lodges, each of which for every fifty shares subscribed shall be represented by one Manager, to be chosen by such Subscribing Lodge (which Lodge shall be held responsible for the transactions of its Managers); these, together with three appointed by the Grand Lodge, shall constitute the board of Managers, who shall report their proceedings to said Lodge every stated meeting or quarterly communication. Which Grand Lodge having established the Plan, do guarantee the Subscribers, holders of Scrip and possessors of fortunate chances, a just and honorable fulfillment of the Plan.

The drawing of chances to commence as soon as the Scrip shares shall be sold, or the Managers shall determine.

Four months after the decision of chances shall be allowed to the possessors of fortunate Scrip to bring them in and receive Certificates of their shares, for which they shall pay for every share contained in their Certificate one dollar, to be applied in like manner as money originally subscribed for shares of Scrip, and every person not bringing in their Scrip as aforesaid, shall be considered as having given the same as a donation for the benefit of the institution.

One other book shall be opened by the Managers, containing shares of Scrip numbered from 1 to 300 inclusive, which shall contain the following:

"The possessor of this Scrip shall be entitled to one share "in the *Pennsylvania Free Masons' Hall Association*, on the "payment of one dollar at the time of receiving a Certificate."

Which Scrip shall not be subject to a decision of chances, as the foregoing, for every share of which the subscriber shall pay the sum of five dollars.

After the drawing of chances, as stated in the foregoing, the possessors of Scrip shares in this latter plan shall bring the same forward and receive certificates of shares within four months after the decision of chances, which possessor of every such share shall pay on the same the sum of one dollar, subject to the same restrictions, and the money to be applied in like manner as stated in the foregoing plan.

The possessors or holders of stock, as soon as the drawing or

decision of chances be closed, shall be called together by public notice, who shall choose nine Directors, who, with three appointed by the Grand Lodge, shall conduct the interests of the stock holders, and who, as soon as organized, shall receive from the managers appointed all the books, papers, and property of every kind whatever, a Schedule of which shall accompany the transfer, and a duplicate of the same shall be given the Grand Lodge, among whose archives it shall be deposited.

The twelve directors so chosen shall hold all the property as aforesaid in trust and for the benefit of the institution, who shall also prosecute the object of the Society, and establish such rules as they may judge proper as to the mode of transferring the shares of the capital stock and such other regulations as they may think advisable for the well governing the affairs of the society. Provided that such rules or regulations shall not contravene the resolutions or ordinances entered into by the stock holders at their annual meetings.

In the choice of directors by the stock holders, each stock holder shall have a vote by proxy, or otherwise, for every share of stock he shall hold at the time of the election.

All elections after the first shall be held at the Free Masons' Hall, on the day following St. John's, in December in every year, except it shall come on Sunday, in which case the election shall be held on the day after.

At the first meeting of the directors chosen by the stock holders they shall divide themselves into three classes, and numbered I, II, III. Class No. I. shall go out after the expiration of one year, class No. II. after the second year, and class No. III. after the third year; after which every such director having served three years his seat becomes vacated, and he shall not be re-eligible until after the expiration of one year.

Before the election is gone into, on the day following St. John's in every year, the directors shall lay before the stock holders a statement of their transactions for the past year.

They shall also on the aforesaid day, and after the election, chuse from amongst their number a President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Immediately after the building is procured the managers shall lease the several apartments of the building to the best advantage for the benefit of the stock holders, preserving, nevertheless, all the necessary apartments for the complete accommodation of the Grand and other Lodges under their jurisdiction; they paying for the same such reasonable rent as shall be agreed upon between the Grand Lodge and the directors, and all the rents and profits arising as aforesaid shall be apportioned to all the respective shares, and dividends paid half-yearly to the stock holders or their legal representatives.

As the grand object is to the advancement of Masonry in the complete accommodation of the craft when assembled in their respective Lodges, every Lodge subscribing (to whom it is earnestly recommended) may by that fund finally have the whole property vested in them, for by aiding their half-yearly dividends by other resources in the purchase of shares of stock, will eventually absorb all the shares in the possession of individuals.

A Communication from Lodge No. 73 on the subject of erecting a Building, &c., was read and referr'd to the Committee appointed to devise a Plan for erecting a Building, &c.

The Minutes were then read and G. L. Adjourned in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M. to Monday next, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st July, Anno Lucis 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Communication.

Pursuant to Adjournment, divers Members of the Grand Lodge met, but by reason of their Number being small, Grand Lodge was not opened, and no business done except that the R. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to issue Summonses to the members to attend an Extra meeting of the Grand Lodge on Saturday next, at 7 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 6th July, Anno Lucis 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Communication.

But few of the Members attending, Grand Lodge was not opened, and no business done.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 11th July, Anno Lucis 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Communication.

Present:

Brot. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esqr., R. W. D. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. S. G. W.
" Charles Patton, R. W. J. G. W.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secry.
" Cadwallader Griffith, S. G. D.
" John Kessler, J. G. D.
" William Healy, G. Pursuivant.
" Felix McCarthy, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 56, 59, 71 and 72 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the Grand Communication held on St. John's Day last as relates to the business now before this Grand Lodge, being the Consideration of the Plan Reported by the Committee on the Building, &c., was read.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said Plan was read the second time, (it having been read the first time on St. John's Day).

After considerable debate, respecting said Plan, on Motion made and Seconded, the further Consideration of the same was postponed.

On Motion, Ordered, That the Committee on the Temporary Place of meeting Report their proceedings at the next Meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Minutes of this Evening were read and G. Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

On account of the Yellow Fever raging in the City of Philadelphia, and many of the Inhabitants having removed into the Country, the Stated Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was not held on the first Monday in, being the 2d day of September, Anno Lucis 5799.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 13th November, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. G. M.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M.
" Charles Patton, S. G. W., p. T.
" Michael Leib, Esqr., J. G. W., p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secr^y.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. Grand Deacon.
" John Coyle, Junr. Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71 and 73 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a Copy of a Petition from the R. W. Grand Officers and the Committee appointed to procure a place for the future meetings of this R. W. Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this City, to His Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Esqr., Governor of this Commonwealth,

praying that His Excellency would be pleased to grant permission for holding our future meetings in some of the rooms of the State House, which was read, and is in the words following:

"To His Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the Com-
"monwealth of Pennsylvania: The petition of the Subscrib-
"ers, present Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,
"Respectfully Sheweth: That the Grand Lodge has for several
"years past occupied a Room illy adapted for the purposes of
"their meetings, which they had taken in expectation only
"that by this time, they would have been able to have pro-
"cured for themselves permanent accommodations, but owing
"to their extraordinary Charitable exertions, which have been
"rendered peculiarly burdensome by the frequent visitations
"which have afflicted the City, they have found themselves
"unable to effect so desirable an object. That their Lease is
"expired, and the room wanted by the proprietors for other
"uses. Your Petitioners understanding that the rooms in the
"State House are at present unoccupied, and are likely to re-
"main so for a considerable time, are induced to request the
"Grand Lodge may be indulged with the use of the Senate
"Chamber or such other apartments on the same Floor as
"your Excellency may see fit. And the Grand Lodge will
"hold themselves pledged, and do engage, at any time when-
"ever they shall be so required, to evacuate and redeliver the
"Premises unimpaired in the same Order in which they shall
"receive them. (Signed), J. B. Smith, G. M.; Israel Israel,
"D. G. M.; James Milnor, S. G. W.; Charles Patton, J. G. W.;
"John Smith, Chairman of Committee for procuring Rooms,
"etc., November 4th, 1799."

The R. W. G. M. then informed this Grand Lodge that said Petition had been presented to His Excellency the Governor, who had been pleased to grant the Secretary's Chamber in the State House for that purpose until called for.

On Motion made and Seconded, this Grand Lodge concur in the application so made to His Excellency the Governor, and return their warmest Thanks to His Excellency for the grant he has been pleased to make them, and direct that Bro.

INDEPENDENCE HALL.

Place of Meeting, 1799–1801.

Grand Secretary respectfully communicate the same to His Excellency the Governor.

On Motion made and Seconded, the R. W. D. G. M. and Bro^rs. John Smith, jun^r., Coyle, Griffiths and Andrew Nilson, were appointed a Committee to prepare the Rooms in the State House for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge, and to remove all the Furniture now in this Room there when ready, and to have such repairs done to the Old and procure such New Furniture as shall appear to be necessary.

On Motion made and Seconded, the said committee were Authorized to leave this Room in the order we receiv'd the same, or in such State as they shall agree on with the owners of this Building.

On Motion made and Seconded, The Treasurer was Authorized to Pay such draughts as the above named Committee shall draw on him for the purpose of furnishing the above Room.

The following Commissions of Proxy were then read, viz.:

A Commission from Lodge N°. 64 held at Greensburgh, appointing Bro^r. John McElwee their Proxy.

A Commission from Lodge N°. 68 held in the Town of Mifflin, appointing Bro^r. Andrew Nilson their Proxy, and

A Commission from Lodge N°. 74 held at Concord, in Franklin County, appointing Bro^r. John Johnson their Proxy.

The Minutes of this Evening were then read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 9 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd December, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. G. M.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. S. G. W.

Bro^r. Charles Patton, R. W. J. G. W.
" George A. Baker, G. Secr^y.
" John McElwee, G. Treas^r.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senr. G. Deacon.
" John Coyle, Junr. G. Deacon, p. T.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73 and 74 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the different Communications of this Grand Lodge held since the Quarterly Communication in June last, were read.

On Account of the Multiplicity of business now before the Grand Lodge the reading of the Minutes of the different Meetings of the Standing Committee of Charity held since the Quarterly Communication in June last, was postponed to S^t. John's Day.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, dated Newark, (Niagara,) July 17, 1799, was read and Ordered to be filed; it contained a List of their R. W. Grand Officers for this Year, being

The R. W. William Jarvis, Esqr., G. M.
" Robert Kerr, Esqr., D. G. M.
" John Warren, Esqr., S. G. W.
" George Forsyth, Esqr., J. G. W.
" Sylvester Tiffany, G. Secretary.
" Alexander Stewart, Esqr., G. Treas^r.
" Robert Addison, G. Chaplain.

Also, a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, being 14 in number, and the Expulsion of J—— E——, Esqr., of Newark.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, dated Quebec, 1st August, 1799, was read and Ordered to be Filed; it contained a List of their R. W. Grand Officers for this Year, being

His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, G. M.
The R. W. George Lewis Hamilton, Esq$^{r.}$, D. G. M.
" John Lynd, Esq$^{r.}$, S. G. W.
" Richard Dickinson, Esq$^{r.}$, J. G. W.
" William Lindsay, jun$^{r.}$, G. Secr$^{y.}$
" Keable Sarjeant, G. Treas$^{r.}$

Also a list of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, being Sixteen in number, and the Expulsion of P—— C—— from Zion Lodge held at Detroit.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, dated Raleigh, 13th June last, was read. It contained a List of their R. W. Grand Officers for this Year, being

The M. W. William R. Davie, Esq$^{r.}$, Governor of the State of N$^{o.}$ Carol$^{a.}$, G. M.
R. W. John Haywood, Esq$^{r.}$, D. G. M.
" Montfort Stokes, Esq$^{r.}$, S. G. W.
" David Caldwell, J. G. W.
" Robert Williams, G. Secr$^{y.}$
" Henry Potter, G. Treas$^{r.}$, as also a Pamphlet containing an abstract of their proceedings of the last year, which was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and make Report thereon.

The following Returns, &c., from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 2 were read, Viz.: Election Return of S$^{t.}$ John's Day last, returning John Kepler, M.; Joseph Burden, S. W.; Casper Graff, J. W.; John Phillips, Secr$^{y.}$; John Cope, Treas$^{r.}$

An Addition to their Bye Laws, as follows, Viz.: "That no "Brother be passed or Raised before that he is perfect in the "Degree or Degrees of which he may then be in the Lodge; "Except those who may be entered by Dispensation. That "such Brother shall be examined in open Lodge and if found "to be perfect in the Degree, shall, with the Consent of the "Brethren be Advanced further in Masonry," which was approved of.

And a List of Members Expell'd by them for Non-Payment of dues, being, J—— F——, J—— C——, F—— H——, J—— B——, J—— P——, J—— B——, W—— C——, J—— H——, J—— B——, I—— S——, J—— Q——.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 21 was read; it was in the words following, Viz.: "Harrisburg, August 5th, 1799. Worshipful "Sir and Brother. We received your favor of the 24th June, "the 30th Ultimo, in consequence of which the Officers of this "Body had a Meeting of Emergency respecting the Conduct "of Bro^r. Henry, and as he had removed his Men from Lan-"caster, the 28th Ultimo to Bristol, therefore we were deprived "of being able to do anything with him, but, as the Grand "Lodge has wrote him, we still flatter ourselves, that he will "pay the Money. Should he not comply, we shall wait your "Answer and at the same time Instructions in what manner "we are to proceed. Extract from the Minutes. (Signed), "W. Wray, Secretary of Lodge N°. 21;" which was Ordered to lie over for Consideration.

The following Returns from Lodge N°. 33 were read, Viz.: Return of Members up to S^t. John's Day last, returning 23 Standing Members; W—— M^cC——, Expelled; G—— Q—— and J—— M——, Rejected. And their Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning James Riddles, M.; Maxwell Biens, S. W.; John Bird, J. W.; James McCalment, Secr^y.; Archibald Alexander, Treas^r.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 64, dated 30th August last was read; it had enclosed Twenty Five Dollars in Bank Notes which were receiv'd by Bro^r. Grand Secretary, the 7th Sepr. last, and also enclosed the following Returns, &c. Return of Members up to S^t. John's Day last, returning 14 Standing Members, and the suspension of J—— M^cM——, S—— N——, J—— P——, Merchant, J—— Y——, Carpenter, and W—— B. C——. Account of their Grand Lodge dues up to the same period, and Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning Robert Irwin, M.; James Walker, S. W.; Robert Irwin, jun^r., J. W.; George Armstrong, Secr^y.; Robert Cooper, Treas.

On Motion made and Seconded, The reading of the remaining Communications, &c., was suspended in Order that the G. L. may now proceed to the Election of Officers, this being the Evening appointed by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Bro^r. John Smith, jun^r. and Samuel Israel were appointed

Tellers, and the G. L. thereupon proceeded to the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year commencing on St. John's Day next, when on the Ballots being taken, it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected, Viz.:

Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. G. M.

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M.

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. S. G. W.

Bro^r. Doct^r. Archibald Alexander, of New Castle, R. W. J. G. W.

Bro^r. John McElwee, R. W. G. Treas^r.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. G. Secr^y.

A Petition from Sundry Members of Lodge No. 66 was read, and is in the words following, to wit: "To the Right Wor-"shipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Juris-"diction thereunto belonging: The Humble Petition of Your "Subscribers, Members of Union Lodge No. 66 held in Caer-"narvon Township, Berks County, with the consent of said "Lodge do Pray, That your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge "may take into Consideration the *Un*conveniency of your "Petitioners at the distance of Eighteen Miles and upwards "from the aforesaid Lodge Room, and wishing to attend "regular and to be Members of some Regular Lodge we Pray "that you may grant us Privilege to move the Warrant No. "46, now held in possession of Three Brethren in Church "Town, Lancaster County, with their consent to Ephrata in "Cocalico Township in the same County of Lancaster. And "Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray. (Signed) "Jno. Wright, M. M., Henry Ream, M. M., Jacob Kaufrode, "M. M., John Senreman, M. M., John Meheny, M. M. We, "the Subscribers, do recommend the above Brethren to your "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge as Worthy Brethren and "pray the above Petition may be granted. (Signed) Mathias "Kaler, M. M., Jacob Kimmel, M. M., John Jones, M. M., "Thomas Kennedy, M. M., Isaac Lewis, M. M., Thomas "Kirlin, M. M." "We, the Subscribers, Members of Lodge "No. 46, have agreed to deliver our Warrant to the above "Petitioners in Case the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will "grant their request, which we heartily pray may be done."

(Signed) "James Evans, Henry Hambright, David Morgan;" which Petition was referr'd to Bro^rs.^ The R. W. D. G. M., M^c^Caraher and Coyle to examine and Report thereon.

A Notification of the Exclusion of the following Members from Lodge N°. 80 was read, communicating that

John Strain was excluded for	80 Years	from the 15 Ult.
James Strain . . .	40 Years	
George Strain . . .	40 Years	

The reading of all other Communications now before the G. L. was postponed to St. John's Day.

The Minutes were read and G. L. adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to St. John's Day next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 26th December, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^r.^ JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Esqr.,^ R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr.,^ R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Charles Patton, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" Henry Voight, R. W. Junior Grand Warden pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John M^c^Elwee, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Frederick Wolbert, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Grand Tyler.

A sufficient Number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The present Communication being held by Virtue of a special Summons from the R. W. Grand Master, in conse-

quence of the invitation of the Committee of Arrangement of Congress to attend the delivery of a Funeral Oration in Honour of the late Lieutenant General George Washington, as directed by Order of Congress, the R. W. Grand Master opened the business of the meeting in an address to the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, it was unanimously Resolved, That this Grand Lodge are deeply and sincerely afflicted with the Melancholy event which has occasioned this Communication, and will immediately proceed to join in the Honours about to be shewn to the Memory of our Illustrious deceased Brother.

It was unanimously Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will bear any Expenses which shall be incurred on this occasion.

The R. W. Grand Master then appointed Bro^r. Proctor, Master of Ceremonies for the Day. Grand Lodge was closed.

The Brethren then formed in due Order in the Grand Lodge Room, and moving from thence joined in the general procession, which proceeded from Congress Hall to Zion Church, where the Funeral Service was pronounced by the Right Reverend Bishop White, and an Oration in Memory of the Deceased delivered by the Honorable General Henry Lee, a Member of the House of Representatives of the United States from Virginia, which being ended, the Masonic Procession returned to the Grand Lodge Room, and having deferred further proceedings to the Grand General Communication, to be holden to-morrow, being S^t. John the Evangelist's Day, Adjourned.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

S^T. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Friday, 27th December, A. L. 5799.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., Senior Grand Warden.

Bro^r. Archibald Alexander, M. D., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Warden.
" Daniel McCaraher, Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" Snyder, Grand Pursuivant.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 56, 59, 64, 67, 68, 71 and 77 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Officers was read. It was thereupon, Resolved, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the installation of the Officers for the ensuing Year. Whereupon,

Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., R. W. G. M. elect, was installed and Thrice proclaimed R. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to Ancient Custom and Usage.

Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M. elect, was then installed and Thrice proclaimed R. W. Deputy Grand Master, &c., and saluted as such.

Bro^r. James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. S. G. W. elect, and Bro. Doct^r. Archibald Alexander, R. W. J. G. W. elect, were then severally installed into their respective Offices and saluted accordingly.

Bro^r. George A. Baker, R. W. G. Secr^y. elect, was installed into his Office, and

Bro^r. John McElwee, R. W. G. Treas^r. elect, was installed into his Office. All which installations were made by Bro^r. Duplessis by the desire of the R. W. Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master was then pleased to make the following Appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro^r. Daniel Mc Karaher, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. John Andrews, Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. Samuel Israel, } Grand Stewards.
" John Coyle, }
" Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor, Grand Marshall.
" Robert Jackson, }
" William Nelson & } Room Committee.
" Thomas Town, }

It was Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence which last Year consisted of Five Members, consist this Year of Three, and Bro^rs. Duplessis, Milnor and Leib were appointed.

Bro^rs. Duplessis, Milnor and Samuel Israel were appointed the Committee of Accounts of this Year.

Bro^r. John W. Van Cleve, of the Northern Liberties,
" Israel Israel (the R. W. D. G. M.) of the City, and
" William Nelson of Southwark, were appointed recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary for the ensuing Year.

The R. W. Grand Master recalled the Attention of the Grand Lodge to the mournful occasion of the preceding Day.

Whereupon, it was Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for his Address on the solemn occasion of yesterday, and that he be requested to furnish a Copy of the same for the purpose of publication and entry upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge. He was pleased to comply with this request, and the address is as follows:

"R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Wardens "and Brethren: You have been called to hold this special "Convention in consequence of an Invitation to join the "Representatives of a great and grateful People in a solemn "act of Duty. With respect to the unexpectedly early mo- "ment of executing this Duty we have been anticipated, but "by the Death of General George Washington we have felt "ourselves impelled, irresistibly impelled, to yield to the "strongest emotions of the Heart, and cordially to join our "Fellow Citizens in public evidences of estimation and regret.

"The interesting events having been Officially communicated "to the public, I immediately directed that the sable Em- "blems of our Order should be borne in Grand Lodge by the "Members at our next Communication, then to take place in "a few Days, wishing to give to ulterior Orders on the Occa- "sion the Force and the Dignity of the spontaneous voice of "the collected Craft of Pennsylvania."

"While we respectfully leave to abler hands, to the ap- "pointed Organ of the Councils of the United States, to the "common voice of his Country and of mankind, and to suc- "ceeding Ages, which will venerate his name as long as they "shall experience the happy effects of his civic virtues and "public services, duly to appreciate his worth, the Masons of "Pennsylvania, impressed with their more immediate Masonic "Connections and Character, may be allowed to deplore that "their Friend, their Brother, their Father is gone. Yes, my "Brethren, as such the Masons of Pennsylvania did long ago "Recognize him. It is now Twenty One years since they by "an unanimous suffrage proposed him as Grand Master of "Masons for the United States. They have on sundry oc- "casions and very lately given attestations of unabated At- "tachment to his person, and an high sense of his unremitting "endeavors in 'promoting order, union, and Brotherly affec- "tion among us, and in carrying forth the principles of the "Lodge in every walk of Life.' In our Archives are found "flattering evidences of his reciprocated esteem and approba- "tion of our Order as relative more especially to those chiefest "concerns of man—Religion and Government. The public "have seen him gracing and dignifying our processions by "his attendance."

"We have been made the Almoners and dispensers of his charitable beneficence. But, my Brethren, this pleasing intercourse is suspended. Since our last Communication this our Brother, has been removed from a Terrene to expand his ample mind to the boundless duties and enjoyments of a Celestial 'Lodge' of that eternal Temple (to use his own expression to our Grand Lodge) whose builder is the great Architect of the universe."

"The Old as well as the New World reveres this name. He was indeed an illustrious Brother, Citizen and Chief, in peace and in War, in Council and Action pre-eminent. The Masons of Pennsylvania have exulted that the name of Washington stood enrolled on their list of Brethren, and they will Cherish the remembrance of the virtues and services as a rich legacy for their emulous example. If devotion of Time and Talents to ameliorate the state of man be a virtue; if obeying the calls of his Country in times of the greatest difficulty and danger at every risque be a Masonic Duty, of that virtue may Masonry boast that this, *our* Washington has exhibited an instance beyond former example brilliant; and for the exercise of this Duty will *our* Washington ever stand conspicuous in the foremost rank. Are a love of Order and sacred regard to the Laws of the social compact characteristic of Masons? For his exemplary adherence to these Masonic virtues through all the vicissitudes and variegated difficulties of a Revolutionary War, has *our* Washington received the plaudits of thirteen Sovereign States."

"It now remains, my Brethren, that in our several spheres we do likewise as our Brother has done—that by shewing respect to merit, it appears that we value it—that by Cordial regret on the translation of virtue from among us, we evidence that we revere it—and while we drop our portion amid the universal effusion of sorrow on this mournful occasion, we anticipate for our lamented Brother the applause of nations and the veneration of ages."

"I detain you no longer. The Government of our country has this day Honourably distinguished us as among the Chief Mourners of Washington—its Friend, its Protector, and its Ornament. The destined hour has come and we move to the summons."

It was Unanimously Resolved, That the Room Committee be directed to put the Grand Lodge Room in Mourning, in such manner as they shall conceive to be most suitable and proper to testify our fraternal attachment to our late illustrious Brother Washington, and the high veneration we entertain for his Memory and Virtues.

It was Unanimously, Resolved, That as a further mark of our respect for our deceased Brother, and the Deep Affliction for the loss we have sustained by his Death, the members of the Grand Lodge wear Black Crape on their Left Arm, as recommended by the President and Congress to the Citizens of the United States, and that the Emblems on their Aprons be covered with Black for the Term of Six Months, and that the same be recommended to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was read. It intimates that there is a fair prospect that the Modern Grand Lodge, which has been long established there under a Foreign Jurisdiction, and which they believe to be the only one existing in America, will form a coalition with them without any departure on the part of the Ancient Grand Lodge or infringement upon their Ancient Landmarks, whereby they may become united under one Head, and that this Schism in Masonry, which has proved a stumbling-block to many, and occasioned more injury to the prosperity of the Craft than any other circumstance, is likely to be removed from amongst them. That should this desirable event take place they will take the earliest opportunity of making us acquainted therewith and expressing their hopes that similar steps may be taken in other parts of the United States, if expedient or necessary, and that the distinction so long exhibited to the world between Modern and Ancient Masonry may be forever buried in oblivion.

It contains resolutions of the said Grand Lodge of South Carolina concerning the instituting a Superintending Grand Lodge for America, and invites this Grand Lodge to join them in any plans which may be deemed expedient and conducive to the Interest and prosperity of the Ancient Craft. And it contains a list of the Grand Officers and a list of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction; which Communication was referr'd to the Committee on Correspondence to examine and report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

The Lodges were called on to present their Returns and the following Returns were receiv'd, to wit.:

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 2. Election Return of Officers for the ensuing 6 Months returning John Phillips, M$^{r.}$; Joseph Burden, S. W.; Robert Pullen, J. W.; Thomas Marshall, Secr$^{y.}$; John Cope, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 35 Standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to this Day.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 9. Election Return of Officers for the ensuing 6 Months, returning Andrew Nilson, M$^{r.}$; Briton Estill, S. W.; James Wilkins, Secr$^{y.}$; William Heckell, Treasurer.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 19. Election Return of Officers for the ensuing 6 Months, returning John Coyle, M$^{r.}$; Kennett Jewell, S. W.; Henry McEwen, J. W.; Samuel Hampton, Secr$^{y.}$; Ebenezer Ferguson, Treasurer.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 50. Election Return of Officers for the ensuing 6 Months, returning John G. Bull, Master; John H. Coats, S. W.; William McWilliams, J. W.; Marmaduke Pearce, Secr$^{y.}$; John Bartholomew, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 23 Standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to this Day.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 52. Election Return of Officers for the ensuing 6 Months, returning George Springer, M$^{r.}$; Daniel Bussier, S. W.; Chalkley Collins, J. W.; Bartholomew Connolly, Secr$^{y.}$; Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 25 Standing Members.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 59. Election Return of Officers for the ensuing 6 Months, returning John McElwee, M$^{r.}$; Anthony Campbell, S. W.; Thomas Hennessy, J. W.; John Johnston, Secr$^{y.}$; John Pragers, Treasurer.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 68. Return of Members up to June 24^{th,} 1798, Returning 21 Standing Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to same period.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 70. Election Return of Officers for 6 Months from December, 1798, returning Joseph Kingsbury, M$^{r.}$; Stephen Hopkins, S. W.; Ira Hopkins, J. W.; Clement Paine, Secr$^{y.}$; Elisha Satterlee, Treasurer. Return of Members up to December, 1798, returning 22 Standing Members. A Letter from Lodge N$^{o.}$ 70, dated 10th July last, and a Letter from Bro$^{r.}$ Arnold Colt, late M$^{r.}$ of said Lodge, dated 6th August last, on the Subject of their Warrant not being

paid for, giving assurances that payment should be made probably in the Autumn.

Lodge N°. 73. Election Return of Officers for the 6 Months ensuing, returning Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, M^r.; Edward George, S. W.; Badaraque, J. W.; Belin, Secr^y.; Ch^s. Nich^s. Donatien Gervais, Treas^r.

Lodge N°. 74. Election Return of Officers for 6 Months from December, 1793, returning John Kewley, M. D., M^r.; Thomas Johnson, S. W.; James Taylor, J. W.; Andrew Wallace, Secr^y.; Charles Woolney, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 17 Standing Members and the Expulsion of R—— D——.

A Letter from Bro^r. Absolom Baird, dated Washington, 3^d July last, was read; it communicated his having Installed the Officers of Lodge N°. 78, in virtue of the Deputation to him from the R. W. Grand Master for that purpose.

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 80 was receiv'd and referr'd to the R. W. D. G. M. and Bro^rs. Griffith and M^c-Karaher to examine and Report thereon.

The Commitee appointed on the 2^d Instant, on the Petition of Sundry Members of Lodge N°. 66 Reported that the Prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, Which Report was not accepted.

The Letter from Lodge N°. 21, concerning Bro^r. Matt^w. Henry, which was read the 2nd Instant, was again read and referr'd to Bro^rs. McElwee, Vancleve and Baker to Report on.

A Petition from Sarah McKoy, Widow of Joseph McKoy, praying for assistance was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Bro^r. James Bryson, stating his distress and praying for assistance was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

Brothers J. McElwee, Milnor and Baker were appointed a Committee to draw up a plan of Arrangement respecting the care of this Grand Lodge Room and Furniture, and to Report the same.

The Minutes were then read and this Grand Lodge ad-

journed in Harmony at Half past 2 o'clock, P. M., to the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge and Lodges in the City, exeept Lodge No. 51 and 72, who made no Returns, expended in this Year the Sum of Ds. 1492$\frac{30}{100}$ in Charity, whereof Ds. 730 was expended by the French Lodge L'Amenite, No. 73.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3rd February, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" William Nelson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Silas Foster, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 55, 59, 65, 67, 71 and 74 represented.

Twelve Lodges being Represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that the present Communication was held for the purpose of laying before the Brethren a certain request in writing from several of the Masters of Lodges held in this City, which being presented, was read, and is in the words following:

"We, the Subscribers, Masters of Lodges held in the City

"of Philadelphia, under the Authority of the Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania, beg leave to request that the R. W. Grand "Master may be pleased to direct the Grand Lodge to be Con- "vened as soon as conveniently may be, in Order to take the "sense of the Grand Lodge whether the Brethren will walk in "procession on the Twenty Second Day of February next, "being the Day recommended by Congress to be set apart as "a Day of Mourning for the Death of our late Brother Gen- "eral George Washington. Philadelphia, 25th January, A. L. "5800.

"(Sign'd)	JOHN PHILLIPS, W. M.,	No. 2.
	"ANDW. NILSON, W. M.,	No. 9.
	"WM. NELSON, W. M.,	No. 71.
	"GEORGE SPRINGER, W. M.,	No. 52.
	"JOHN McELWEE,	No. 59.
	"G. LA GRANGE,	No. 73."

Whereupon, in Consideration of The President of the United States and Congress having recommended to the people of the United States to assemble on the 22nd day of the present Month, in such numbers and manner as may be convenient, publicly to testify their grief for the Death of General George Washington by suitable eulogies, orations, and discourses, or by public prayers, This Grand Lodge, in compliance with the said recommendation, and in Order to testify their deep affliction for the loss they have sustained by the removal of One of their great lights from among them (the deceased having been a worthy member of their Ancient and Honourable Fraternity), Resolved, That there be a Masonic Procession held on the aforesaid day, to wit, the 22nd inst., in the City of Philadelphia, and that an Oration suitable to the Solemn Occasion be then delivered. Previous to the Question being taken, considerable time was spent in debate and on taking the question there appeared 17 Votes for and 14 against the said Resolution.

It was then objected by some of the Brethren that the present Majority was not sufficient to Authorize a Procession taking place, as agreeably to the 25th Article of the Rules and

Regulations of this Grand Lodge, it is necessary that Two Thirds of the Members present consent thereto, to which Objection it was replied that the Procession now contemplated could not be considered in any other light than a Funeral Procession, which according to the aforesaid Article, it was in the Power of the R. W. Grand Master or Senior Officer present to Authorize, and as in this Case the business was brought before the Grand Lodge, it was conceived that a Majority of the Brethren present was Sufficient to Sanction the holding the said Procession. It was thereupon, On Motion made and Seconded,

Resolved, that in the present case the aforesaid Majority is sufficient to Authorize the holding of the before mentioned Procession.

A Committee consisting of the Masters of the different Lodges held in this City was then appointed to make such Arrangements as to them shall appear necessary and proper for conducting the aforesaid Procession.

A Petition from a certain Isaac Hamilton Bailey was presented and read. It Stated that he is a Member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 155, held at Halifax, Nova Scotia. That he is now in the Debtors' apartment in Philadelphia, confined to his Bed with a spell of Sickness and is destitute of the necessaries of life, and prays for Assistance. On consideration, Brors. Town, Griffith and William Nelson were appointed a Committee to inquire into the situation of the Petitioner, and if they shall find him worthy and standing in Need thereof, to pass their draught in his favour on the Grand Treasurer for any sum not exceeding Ten Dollars.

The Petition of Ann Molan, Widow of the late John Molan, was read. It set forth her distress and prayed for relief. On Consideration it was referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

Brother Estill informed the Grand Lodge that he had learnt that the African Lodge held in or near this City was Visited by Members of some of Our Lodges. On Motion, Brors. A. Nilson, W. Nelson, Springer, Coyle and Passy were appointed a Committee to make inquiry concerning the Premises and Report thereon.

The Minutes were then read and Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the next Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d March, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 69, 71, 72, 74 and 77 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the different Meetings of this Grand Lodge held since the Grand Quarterly Communication in December last were read.

The Minutes of the different Meetings of the Committee of Charity held since June last were read and Approved of.

A Petition from a number of Brethren, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge in this City, and that the said Lodge may be called "Union Lodge," that it may be granted in the names of Thomas Forrest, Master; Henry Lyttle, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. John Walker, Junior Warden, was read. Whereupon, after a very lengthy debate, On Motion made and Seconded, a committee consisting of Bro^rs. Coyle, Estill, Van

Cleve, Griffiths and Duplessis was appointed to make enquiry respecting the said Petition, and Report thereon the propriety or expediency of granting a new Warrant for holding a Lodge in this City, particularly at the present time.

A petition from a number of Brethren, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Germantown, that the same may be called "Hyram Lodge," and that the Warrant may be granted in the names of Richard Potter, Master; John Sellers, Senior Warden, and Joshua Z. Cozens, Junior Warden, was read. Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, the same was referr'd to the above named committee, to make inquiries concerning the same and Report.

Doubts having been suggested by some of the Brethren whether Past Masters, who have obtained that Degree under a foreign Jurisdiction, and have become Members of Lodges under Our Jurisdiction since the adoption of the present Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, are, in virtue of that Degree so obtained under a foreign jurisdiction, members of this Grand Lodge, after considerable debate on the subject, the Chair was requested to decide. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then declared, that agreeably to the First Article of the said Rules and Regulations, all Past Masters who at the Time of Adopting the said Regulations were actually Members of Lodges under this Jurisdiction, were, in Virtue of that Degree, Members of this Grand Lodge so long as they continued Members of some Lodge under this Jurisdiction; but that since the adoption of those rules and regulations no Past Master, however or wherever made, who was not a Past Master and also a regular Member of some Lodge under this Jurisdiction at that Time, is a Member of this Grand Lodge unless he shall have served a regular Time as Master of a Lodge under said Jurisdiction.

Brother Grand Secretary presented a letter from the Grand Secretary of Maryland, dated 27th ult^o., which was read, and is in the words following: "D^r. S^r. and Brother: From the "information I have received, I am led to believe that a cer-"tain person of the name of Paul Bartholomew Hyman "Lœvenstein, alias Hyman Livingston, is working in some

"Lodge in the City of Philadelphia. I am directed by the "Stewards' Lodge to acquaint you that the said Hyman Liv-"ingston was expelled for improper conduct, and a violation "of his Obligation in a high Degree, by the 'Baltimore "Lodge,' No. 22, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge of Mary-"land at their Communication, June, 5798. He is an artful "person, speaks the German Language, of a Jewish extract, "and I am also informed Born in Bohemia. I am, Sr and "Brother, Yrs. Fraternally, (Sign'd) SAMUEL VINCENT, G. S."

On Motion, Ordered, That Bro^r. Grand Secretary communicate the same to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

On Motion, Bro^rs. Springer and Passy were discontinued from the Committee appointed on the 3rd ult^o., to make enquiries concerning Members of Our Lodges visiting the African Lodge, and Bro^rs. Milnor and Van Cleve were appointed in their stead, and the Committee were directed to Report the names of Members of our Lodges who so visited the aforesaid Lodge.

A Letter from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was read, and is in the words following:

"Grand Lodge, Ancient York Masons of the State of South "Carolina, assembled in due form the 8th day of November, "5799. The Grand Lodge having met for the special pur-"pose of taking into consideration the resolution entered into "at their Quarterly Communication in March last, after some "time spent in serious debate thereon, and duly considering "the same, came to the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the "calling a Masonic Convention for the purpose of instituting "and organizing a Superintending Grand Lodge, and framing "a Constitution which may accord with and be adapted to "the local situations of this extensive Continent, is a measure "which will tend greatly to promote the interest and pros-"perity of the Ancient Craft and to place it on a still more "respectable basis. Resolved, That the Committee of Cor-"respondence be and they hereby are directed to write Cir-"cular Letters to all the Grand Lodges of Ancient York "Masons established in the Union, inviting them to join with

"us in this important work, and that the said Committee be "authorized to propose such arrangements to the other Grand "Lodges as may best tend to expedite the business and pro-"mote an early meeting of said Convention. Resolved, That "as soon as two-thirds of the Grand Lodges in the Union "shall have approbated and adopted the measure now pro-"posed that this Lodge will proceed to the election of dele-"gates to attend the Convention at the time and place which "may be agreed upon through the medium of its Committee."

"Charleston, South Carolina, December 31st, 5799. Right "Worshipful Brothers: Agreeably to the intimation given in "our Circular of the 24th day of June, 5799, respecting a "Masonic Convention, we have now the honor of transmitting "for your information the above resolutions, entered into by "the Grand Lodge of this State, at a special meeting called "for the purpose at their room in this City, on the 8th of "November last, to which we are to request your serious at-"tention and, if approved of, acquiescence in a measure which "we deem well calculated to promote the true interests of the "Ancient Craft in this Western Hemisphere and to insure its "future prosperity. Conformably to the powers vested in us "by said resolutions, we invite you to join the Grand Lodge "of this State in the important business proposed, and with "due deference beg leave to submit the following arrange-"ments to your consideration:

"1st. That said Convention be held in the City of Washing-"ton on the —— day of ———, 5801. 2nd. That each Grand "Lodge in the Union be authorized to send Three Delegates "with such credentials and instructions as they may think "proper to give. 3rd. That as soon as Two Thirds of the "Grand Lodges in the Union are represented as above, the "Convention be authorized to proceed to business, which shall "be considered as binding upon the Lodges so represented. "4th. That said convention be authorized to frame Rules and "Regulations for their own proceedings, but that all votes be "taken by Lodges. 5th. That each Grand Lodge defray the "expenses of their own delegation. 6th. In Order that the "several Grand Lodges in the Union may know whether the

"measures now proposed are approbated by at least Two "Thirds of all the Grand Lodges, and that a Convention will "be held, the Grand Lodge of this State will, as soon as they "can be informed, advertise the same One Month in at least "one of the public papers of each State in which Grand "Lodges exist, that the proposal is so agreed to, and the Time "when and the place where such Convention is to be held, "which shall be considered by such Grand Lodges as sufficient "Authority for them to proceed and to elect their Delegates as "before mentioned; the expense of said advertisement to be "defrayed jointly by the several Grand Lodges so uniting to-"gether.

"As this is a business which will necessarily consume a "great deal of time in maturing and Organizing, we are to re-"quest you will take it up as early as possible, and favor us "with your Answer as soon as you can make it convenient.

"We remain, Right Worshipful Brothers, Yours most re-"spectfully and fraternally, (Signed)

"Jno. Mitchell, D. G. M.,
"Benja. Cudworth, S. G. W.,
"Seth Paine, J. G. W."

To which Letter was subjoined a List of their Grand Officers for the present Year, being,

Lieut. Governor John Drayton, G. M.
Colo. John Mitchell, Deputy G. M.
Benjamin Cudworth, S. G. W.
Seth Paine, J. G. W.
Lewis Cameron, G. Treasurer.
Alexander Alexander, G. Secretary.

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge, That upon receipt of the Letter he deliver'd the same by direction of the R. W. Grand Master to the Committee of Correspondence, who had then the former communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina on the same subject under consideration.

The Committee of Correspondence then presented their Report on the above subject, which was read, and is in the words following:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee of Correspondence, to whom was referred "the communication from the R. W. the Grand Lodge of "South Carolina, Respectfully Report:

"That the aforesaid Grand Lodge have in view the estab- "lishment of a *Superintending Grand Lodge*, and the calling of "a Masonic Convention, for the purpose of instituting and "organizing the same, and of framing the *Constitution*. That "your Committee on examining the proceedings of your "R. W. Grand Lodge do find that at a Quarterly Grand Com- "munication held June 7th, 5790, a Letter was read from the "R. W. James Jackson, enclosing Two Resolves of the R. W. "Grand Lodge of Georgia, Whereupon after Arguments, on "Motion and Seconded, Resolved unanimously, That the "constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge, to have "Jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges "throughout the continent, as proposed by the R. W. Grand "Lodge of Georgia, is inexpedient and appears impracticable, "and a Committee was appointed to write a Letter to the sev- "eral Grand Lodges of the United States of America, inclos- "ing a Copy of the above, and assigning the reasons upon "which it is founded.

"That the following is the Tenor of the Circular written and forwarded to nine Grand Lodges then known in the United States:

"Philadelphia, June 29th, 5790. Right Worshipful Brothers:

"Agreeably to our appointment, we now inclose a Copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the proposal made by the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Georgia '*to constitute a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge to have Jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the Continent.*'

"The constituting of a Supreme Grand Lodge has been "judged inexpedient, as it would effectually destroy the Au- "thority of the respective Grand over their Subordinate "Lodges, and subvert that connection and dependence which "at present subsist betwixt them, and which have always

"been deemed indispensable to the regular and orderly pros-
"ecution of their work. The general advantage of the Craft
"requires that the Subordinate Lodges should be placed as
"much as possible under the immediate superintending care
"of a Grand Lodge, which by the proximity of its situation
"may correct their Errors, attend to their wants, and inspire
"them with the true spirit of our Sublime institution. Such
"were undoubtedly the considerations under which Grand
"Lodges have been established in the most parts of the United
"States, and we see with the greatest satisfaction the good
"effect it has already produced. New Lodges have been
"formed, and those who had neglected or suspended their
"works have resumed them with much greater Zeal; whereas,
"the exercise of a Jurisdiction so extensive and at the same
"time so particular as that proposed, which comprehends not
"only those important concerns which occupy the attention
"of the respective Grand Lodges, but also the most minute
"Affairs of all the Subordinate Lodges, must be attended with
"innumerable delays, difficulties and embarrassments, event-
"ually produce the greatest confusion and disorder through-
"out the whole Fraternity, and of course have an effect very
"contrary to that expected. But in order to complete the
"grand work thus begun a more intimate Union should be
"formed, and a regular and permanent intercourse established
"betwixt the several Grand Lodges, that our combined exer-
"tions might enable us to display in a more conspicuous man-
"ner the Benevolent spirit of our Order, whereby the respect-
"ability of the Craft would be proportionably increased, and
"an uniformity of discipline pervading the Subordinate
"Lodges, Masonry would shine with as great a degree of
"Splendor in the Republics of America as it has done in the
"Kingdoms of Europe. The most eligible way to effect so
"desirable a purpose would be to have at proper periods a
"Grand Convention of Deputies from the different Grand
"Lodges, whose business should be to enquire into and pro-
"pose such things as would be the most conducive to promote
"and establish on the firmest Basis, Union, Brotherly Love
"and Harmony amongst Brethren, and the Grand Lodge of

"Pennsylvania have accordingly resolved to appoint deputies "to such convention. In short the proposal has also been "considered impracticable, as it is presumed that the re-"spective Grand Lodges will never consent to abridge in the "smallest degree their natural and lawful authority over the "Subordinate Lodges, nor subject themselves to the jurisdic-"tion of a Supreme Grand Lodge, which, by absorbing and "swallowing up all those powers, which we are of opinion "they should retain for the real Benefit, Advantage and Ad-"vancement of the Royal Art, would render them entirely "useless and insignificant.

"Your Committee are of Opinion that the reasons assigned "in the aforesaid Letter are sufficient and in full force, and "beg leave to Offer the following resolutions, to wit: That the "Establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge, and the "calling of a Masonic Convention for the purpose of insti-"tuting and organizing the same, and of framing a Constitu-"tion as proposed by the R. W. the Grand Lodge of South "Carolina is inexpedient and impracticable. Philad^a., March "3^d, 5800. (Signed) P. Lebarbier Duplessis, M. Leib, James "Milnor."

Which Report was unanimously accepted and approved of, and the Committee of Correspondence was directed to write a Letter to the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and transmit them, as well as all other the R. W. Grand Lodges of the United States, copies of the said report.

(See copy of Letter from Committee of Correspondence, p^a. 425.)

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved unanimously, That the Committee of Arrangement on the occasion of the late procession in Honour of the Memory of our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, wait on the Reverend Samuel Magaw, D. D., and present to him the Thanks of this Grand Lodge for the elegant Oration by him delivered on the said Occasion, and request that he may be pleased to favor the Grand Lodge with a Copy thereof for publication.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the

Corporation of the German Lutheran Congregation in this City for the Use of Zion Church on the 22nd ult^o., on the Occasion of the Procession and other Solemnities of that Day in honour of the Memory of our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, and for their very polite attention and Assistance on said Occasion, and that Brother Grand Secretary communicate the same Officially.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Ladies and Gentlemen composing the Singing Society of the German Lutheran Congregation, and to the Gentlemen who joined the said society with Instrumental Music, for the great honour by them done to this Grand Lodge by their Assistance in Zion Church, on the 22nd ult^o., at the Solemnities of that Day in Honour of the Memory of our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, and that Brother Grand Secretary communicate the same Officially.

It appeared by the Minutes of the Committee of Charity that said Committee granted the following Sums, Viz.:

1799, June 10th,	Bro^r. John Whelan's Widow .	D^s. 20.
Decem^r. 30th,	" James Bryson . . .	10.
	" Daniel Johnson . . .	8.
1800, Jany. 20,	Widow Maria Duncan . . .	10.
"	Widow Sarah McCoy . . .	5.
"	Bro^r. Walter Corry's Widow . .	10.
Feby. 17,	Widow Ann Molan . . .	10.
"	Bro^r. William Skinner's Widow .	10.
	Total Doll^s.	83.

It being late the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned at 11 o'clock, P. M., to Monday the 17th Instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th March, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" William Nelson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" William Franklin, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Grand Secretary.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 71, 72, 74 and 77 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the minutes of the last Communication as relates to Two Petitions then received, praying for Warrants for holding Lodges; also to the appointment of the Committee to make enquiries concerning Members of Our Lodges visiting the African Lodge, were read.

A Notification of the rejection of a certain P—— F—— in Lodge N°. 9 was read.

A Notification of the rejection of L—— A—— in Lodge N°. 19 was read.

The Committee of Arrangement on the Occasion of the late Procession in Honour of the Memory of Our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington made their Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and The Committee appointed at an Extra Grand Communication of the said R. W. Grand Lodge, held on the 3rd February last, to make the necessary and proper Arrangements for a Procession, then Resolved

to be held on the 22nd of the same Month in the City of Philadelphia in Honour of the Memory of their late Illustrious Brother General George Washington deceas'd, beg leave to Report:

That in compliance with the Resolutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge Your Committee made such Arrangements in the Premisses as to them appeared proper for carrying the said Resolutions into effect. That having so made the necessary arrangements they notified the Brethren desirous of joining in procession to meet at the G. L. Room on the 22nd Febry., being Saturday, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

That accordingly the Grand Lodge and Brethren met in the G. L. Room, in the State House in the City of Philadelphia, at 11 o'clock, A. M., of the said Day, and the Brethren formed by Lodges in the following manner, to wit:

Tyler with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.
Enter'd Apprentices, Two and Two.
Fellow Crafts, Two and Two.
Master Masons, Two and Two.
Deacons with their Wands Tipt with Silver, the Tops in Mourning.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Wardens.
Past Masters, Two and Two.
Master.

The Brethren having crape on their Left Arm and the Emblems and Insignia covered with black, agreeably to a Resolution of the Grand Lodge of St. John's Day last, to continue in force until St. John's Day next.

The several Lodges being thus formed, and the Grand Lodge Organized in Ample Form, the procession moved from the Grand Lodge Room, at 1 o'clock, in the following order, viz.:

1. Trumpeter, with Trumpet in Mourning.
2. The French Lodge L'Amenite, No. 73, Bro. Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Esq., W. Master.
3. Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, Bro. Christian Sheetz, Esq., W. Master.

4. Orange Lodge, N°. 71, Bro^r. William Nelson, W. Master.
5. Concordia Lodge, N°. 67, Bro^r. Henry Voight, W. Master, pro Tem.
6. Washington Lodge, N°. 59, Bro^r. Robert Jackson, W. Master, pro Tem. (The W. Master, Bro^r. John McElwee, filling his office, that of R. W. Grand Treasurer in the Grand Lodge.)

This Lodge, named after the deceased Brother, had prepared for the occasion and carried in the procession, by Four Members of the Lodge, on a Bier covered with black Cloth, an elegant Urn, about 4 Feet high, Gilt in Burnish'd Gold, placed on a White Marble Base of 3 Steps, inscribed on the Plinth, "Washington Lodge, N°. 59," having on the Top an Eagle Drooping, Gilt in like manner. From his Beak was suspended a Shield, Gilt, with the following inscription:

"Washington Lodge, Honoured by the Name, let us emulate his Virtues, whose loss we deplore."

7. Harmony Lodge, N°. 52, Bro^r. George Springer, W. Master.
8. Lodge N°. 19, Bro^r. Captain John Coyle, W. Master.
9. Lodge N°. 9, Bro^r. Captain Andrew Nilson, W. Master.
10. Lodge N°. 3, Bro^r. Colonel John Barker, W. Master, pro Tem. (The Worshipful Master, Bro^r. Israel Israel, Esqr., filling his office in the Grand Lodge, that of R. W. Deputy G. M.)
11. Lodge N°. 2, Bro^r. John Phillips, W. Master.
12. Band of Music, Instruments in Mourning.
13. The Grand Lodge then followed in the following Order, viz.:

Grand Tyler, with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.

Twelve Past Masters, Two and Two, bearing Wands tipt with Silver, the Tops in Mourning.

Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.

Grand Secretary, with Scroll in Mourning, and Grand Treasurer.

Grand Wardens, bearing their Columns in Mourning.

Three Lights *Extinguished*, borne by Three Past Masters.
Holy Bible, Square and Compass, in mourning, borne by a Past Master, and supported by Two Past Masters.
The Reverend Doct^r. Magaw, supported by Two Past Masters.
The R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Pursuivant, with drawn Sword, Hilt in Mourning.
Four Deacons of the Grand Lodge, Two and Two, bearing Wands Tipt with Gold, the Tops in Mourning.

In the above Order the Procession, consisting of between 300 and 400 Brethren,* moved along Chestnut Street to Third Street, along Third Street to Mulberry or Arch Street, along Arch Street to Fourth Street, and along Fourth Street to Zion Church, One of the Churches of the German Lutheran Congregation, the Corporation whereof had upon application to them very obligingly granted the Use of the said Church for the Occasion.

The Front of the Procession having reached the Church, the Brethren opened their Ranks and faced inwards; the Grand Lodge, with the Urn in Front, moved forward through the Ranks, the Brethren closed from the Rear and followed the Grand Lodge into the Church, where a Pathetic and Elegant Oration was delivered by the Reverend Doct^r. Magaw. In the intervals of service solemn Funeral Odes in the German Language, composed for the Occasion by the Reverend Doct^r. Helmuth, and set to music by Messrs. Emrich and Weizaecker, were sung by the Singing Society of the aforesaid Congregation, accompanied by a full Orchestra, under the direction of Messrs. Emrich and Weizaecker.

The business of the Day being finished the Procession, with the Urn in Front, returned in inverse Order to the Grand Lodge Room.

The whole was arranged and conducted with that Order, simplicity and dignity, which was suitable to the impressive occasion, and which the Masons of Pennsylvania have always endeavored to cultivate.

Several Brethren from the Neighboring Lodges came to the City to attend the Procession, and many others were detained

from coming as they were engaged in rendering similar tokens of regard in their respective Lodges.

Philadelphia, 3rd March, A. L. 5800.

Attest: ISRAEL ISRAEL, Chairman.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Secretary.

* Note.—The Number of Brethren in the procession was 333, thus the truly Masonic 3 times 3 occurring accidentally.

Which report was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred a Petition presented at the last Quarterly Communication, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in this City, made their Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"Whereupon your Committee beg leave to Report, That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of said Petition ought not to be granted. That in the opinion of your Committee there is already a sufficient Number of Lodges in this City, which are far from being full, as your Committee are informed; That in the opinion of your Committee it is inconsistent with the Duty the Grand Lodge owes to Masonry to grant a Warrant to Persons who have not been Members of some Lodge under the jurisdiction Thereof, especially when they have had such ample opportunity of their shewing their respect for our Order, as has been afforded in the Case of the present Applicants, they having been resident in this City for a long while as is said. March 17th, 5800. (Sign'd) John Coyle, J. W. Vancleve, P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Cadwr. Griffith, Briton Estill."

Which Report was not accepted.

A Motion was made and Seconded, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted. On the question being taken, the Motion was lost.

The Committee to whom was referr'd a Petition presented at the last Quarterly Communication, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at Germantown, made their report which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Your Committee on the within Petition beg leave to Report, That they are of Opinion the prayers of the Petitioners be granted, but owing to the Sickness of the Brother who is intended to be Master of the said Lodge, who is said to be since several Days in the greatest Danger of his life, your Committee beg leave to recommend that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be desired to name the Officers of the said Lodge, that the Warrant may be filled by the Grand Secretary. Philad^a., March 17th, 5800. (Sign'd) John Coyle, J. W. Vancleve, P. Le Barbier Duplessis, Cadw^r. Griffith, Briton Estill."

On Motion, made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the said Petition be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant in the names of Richard Potter, Master; John Sellers, Senior Warden, and Joshua Z. Cozens, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be Numbered 81, and called "Hyram Lodge."

A Copy of the Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 9 was received and referr'd to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Bro^rs. Griffith and McKaraher to examine and Report thereon.

The Committee who were appointed to make enquiries concerning Members of our Lodges visiting the African Lodge, not being ready to Report, was continued over.

A Letter from Bro^r. A. Belin, Secretary of Lodge N°. 73, to Bro. Grand Secretary was read. It is in the words following:

PHILAD^A., 16 February, 1800.

"Dear Brother,

"I have been directed by the French Lodge L'Amenité, to send to you the inclosed Copies of the Funeral Oration delivered on the Melancholy Occasion of the Death of our Illustrious Brother George Washington, and beg the Worshipful Grand Lodge would accept of the same, as a mark of Esteem and Friendship.

"I have the favor to be,

"Your most Affectionate Brother,

"By order,

"(Sign'd) A. BELIN,

"Secretary."

Said Letter inclosed several of the Funeral Orations therein mentioned in the French Language, which the Grand Lodge were pleased to Accept as a mark of the Esteem and Friendship of Lodge N°. 73 for this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that on an Invitation to the Grand Officers from the Worshipful French Lodge, L'Amenite, N°. 73, they had attended, on the 1st of January last, the delivery of an Oration by Order of that Lodge, on the occasion of the Death of our late Brother, General Washington. That the Oration by Brother Chaudron, Orator of the Lodge, was irresistibly impressive, critically Judicious and Sublime, and was followed by elegant Addresses by the Worshipful Master, Brother De La Grange, to the Grand Officers and Visitors, which were energetic, beautifully conceived, and evincive of the highest respect for this R. W. Grand Lodge. That the interior of the Lodge exhibited a display of superior taste, elegance, and splendor truly appropriate to the interesting occasion. The R. W. Grand Master recommended that the Account of the whole as given in the public papers at the Time, though it conveys an inadequate Idea of the transactions and their effect, be inserted among the Minutes of the Grand Lodge as being highly creditable to the Lodge N°. 73, and to the principles and practices of the Craft, and observed that from information he could congratulate the Grand Lodge on sundry other very respectable exhibitions by other Lodges under this Jurisdiction on the same occasion.

The R. W. presented a printed copy of the Oration and Addresses, as translated into English, to be preserved among the Archives of the Grand Lodge.

On Motion, Resolved, That the Account referred to by the R. W. be inserted among the minutes of the Grand Lodge. It is as follows:

"The Lodge room was completely hung in Black. In the "Center, on a Platform, to which the ascent was by Five Steps, "a Bier was raised, with the Mason's Insignia and Military "Decorations proper to the Character of the Deceased, sur-"rounding which were several Urns suitably decorated. Over

"and surrounding the Bier, which stood Five Feet above the "Lodge, the Lodge displayed, suspended from the Ceiling, "Festoons and Knots of Black Drapery, interspersed with "suitable emblems and above three hundred lights."

The Minutes were read, and Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock to the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st April, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. D. G. M., pro Temp.
" James Milnor, Esqr., Senior Grand Warden.
" Andrew Nilson, Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Briton Estill, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 46, 65, 68 and 77 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that the present call was made, as well for the purpose of taking up the unfinished business which is laying over, as of acting on several papers lately received which seemed to require immediate attention.

A Note from Richard Potter, who was named M^r. in the Warrant lately granted for holding a Lodge at Germantown, directed to the other Petitioners for said Warrant, informing them of his declining to serve, was read, and thereupon,

A Petition from the same Brethren who Petitioned for the aforesaid Warrant was read. It stated that for weighty reasons they were induced to wish a change in the Master, and that instead of Richard Potter it might be Matthew Huston.

On Consideration, Resolved, That the prayer of said Petition be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary insert the Name of Matthew Huston, as Master, in the Warrant, instead of Richard Potter.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated 10th March last, enclosing Extracts from the Proceedings of said Grand Lodge, A List of the Grand Officers and A List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, was read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns of Lodge N°. 5, were read, Viz.: Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning William Bradford, W. Master; John Hutton, S. W.; William Lindsey, J. W.; William Johnston, Secretary; John Moody, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 16 Standing Members and returning W—— M—— Expelled.

A Notification from Lodge N°. 19 of the Expulsion of E—— F—— and of the Suspension of M—— W—— and W—— M—— for One Year, was read. Whereupon,

The Petition of the said E—— F——, stating that he conceived himself much injured by the said Vote of Expulsion and praying this Grand Lodge to grant him Relief, was read. Said Petition was accompanied with a Copy of his Notification to Lodge N°. 19 of his intention of Appealing to this Grand Lodge and with other documents relative to the alleged cause of expulsion.

On Consideration Bro^rs. Milnor, Town, Griffith, Orr and Estell, were appointed a Committee to make inquiry concerning the premises and Report their Proceedings to this Grand Lodge, and

The Petition of the said M—— W——, entering his appeal from the said Vote of Suspension was read and referred to the above named Committee to make the necessary examinations and Report to this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, that Bro^r. Grand Secretary furnish Lodge N°. 19 with a Copy of these Proceedings.

The following Returns and Letters from Lodge N°. 21 were read, Viz.: Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning John Irwin, W. Master; William Connelly, S. W.; Adam Breadin, J. W.; William Wray, Secretary; Andrew Lee, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 26 Standing Members and containing the Expulsion of J—— S——, and the Rejection of A—— C——, T—— R—— and R—— B——.

A Letter, dated 20th January last, requesting information how to proceed respecting Brother Matthew Henry.

And a Letter, dated 11th Instant, informing that a settlement had taken place respecting Bro^r. M. Henry's business and requesting the indulgence of this Grand Lodge for the payment of their Grand Lodge dues. The Grand Lodge are pleased to hear of said settlement and are inclined to grant Lodge N°. 21 reasonable indulgence in the discharging their Grand Lodge dues.

The said settlement being effected the Committee on the said business was discharged.

Election Return of Lodge N°. 33, of S^t. John's Day last, was read, returning Maxwell Biens, W. M.; John Bird, S. W.; John Crow, J. W.; James Darby, Secretary; Archibald Alexander, Treasurer.

Returns of Lodge N°. 55 were read, Viz.: Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning Joseph Patton, W. M.; James Kedie, S. W.; Lewis Mytinger, J. W. Return of Members, returning 31 Standing Members and the Expulsion of Doct^r. J—— N——, and the Rejection of A—— D——, J—— W——, J—— F——, W—— M^cF——, A—— E——, T—— M^cC——, J—— W——, J—— B—— and L—— B. M^cL——.

Return of Members of Lodge N°. 59 returning 45 Standing Members was read.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 60, dated 6th Jany. last, was read; it stated that in consequence of our Circular of 17th June last, their Lodge had been convened and took the same into consideration. That having laboured under many inconveniences with respect to their former situation of a Lodge Room; they

had purchased a piece of Ground and erected thereon a Stone building for a Lodge; that from this undertaking and other Causes their Funds were so exhausted they could not now discharge their Grand Lodge dues, and therefore prayed the Brotherly indulgence of this Grand Lodge, giving Assurances of their exerting themselves to discharge the same as soon as they shall have it in their power. Said Letter also condoled with this Grand Lodge on the demise of our late Bro^r. General Washington.

The following Return of Lodge N°. 61 was read, Viz.: Election Return of Officers of S^t. John's Day last, returning John P. Schott, W. M.; Eleazer Blackman, S. W.; Obadiah Smith, J. W.; Jesse Fell, Secretary; James Campbell, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 14 Members and the Suspension of J—— H—— and J—— M——, for the non payment of Dues, and the Rejection of H—— B——.

Also a Letter from J. P. Schott, Master of Lodge N°. 61 dated the 25th Ult^o., giving an Account of a Procession, and an Oration deliver'd on S^t. John's Day last, on the occasion of the Death of Bro^r. General Washington.

A Letter from Bro^r. Matthias Kaler, Master of Lodge N°. 66, acknowledging the Receipt of our last Annual Communication and signifying his intention of coming to the City shortly to discharge the Grand Lodge dues of said Lodge, was read.

Returns of Lodge N°. 67 were read as follows, Viz.: Election Return of S^t. John's Day last, returning Michael Leib, W. M.; John Uhle, S. W.; Samuel Passy, J. W.; Lodowyck Sharpe, Secretary; Adam Eckfeldt, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 22 Members.

The following Returns of Lodge N°. 69 were read, Viz.: Return of Officers elected from S^t. John's Day, Viz.: William Anderson, W. M^r.; Preston Eyre, S. W.; Joseph Engle, J. W.; Jonathan T. Haight, Secretary; Edward Engle, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 35 Members, and the Rejection of J—— C——, Junr. and J—— B——. Account of their Grand Lodge Dues up to S^t. John's Day last.

Returns of Lodge N°. 70, Viz.: Election Return of S^t. John's

Day last, returning Joseph Kingsbury, W. M.; Stephen Hopkins, S. W.; Noah Murray, J. W.; David Paine, Secretary; Elisha Satterlee, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 27 Members.

Returns of Lodge N°. 71, Viz.: Election Return of St. John's Day last, returning William Nelson, W. M.; William Mooney, S. W.; William O'Brien, J. W.; Samuel Patterson, Secretary; John Alexander, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 35 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to St. John's Day.

Return of Lodge N°. 72, Viz.: Return of Members, returning 30 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to June last.

A letter from Lodge N°. 11, dated 22nd Feby. last, was read; it stated that James, George, and John Strain had complained to that Lodge of the Vote of exclusion passed against them by Lodge N°. 80, and pray'd that the Grand Lodge would appoint "some Brothers that would judge them impartially, so that "their Accusers would not be their triers."

The Petition of the said James Strain, George Strain, and John Strain, was then read, stating that their having been excluded and praying this Grand Lodge to grant them a hearing, Whereupon,

It was Agreed that the R. W. Grand Master appoint a Committee, not exceeding Five in Number, to examine fully into the Causes of the said Suspensions and the proceedings of the said Lodge in the Premises and to make their Report to this Grand Lodge.

The following Resolution was read, laid on the Table, and Order'd to lie over for Consideration to the next meeting:

"This R. W. G. L. being informed that "several Masters "of Lodges had given Orders on the Tyler for the Loan of the "Jewels and Aprons of their Lodges, to be made use of in the "performance of a Theatrical representation for the benefit of "Mr. Francis:

"Resolved, that this R. W. G. L. disapprove of the Conduct "of the aforesaid Masters, inasmuch as the use to which these "Emblems of our Order are applied is degrading to the

"Dignity of the Craft, and has a manifest tendency to render "it trifling and ridiculous in the Eyes of the public and of all "sensible Men, and that any such Application of these Orna- "ments be considered as meeting the severe disapprobation of "this body."

On Motion, Resolved, That Brother Grand Secretary transmit a Copy of the 22nd Article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge to each Lodge which is in Arrears with this Grand Lodge for Two Years, and inform that unless their dues are discharged by St. John's Day in December next, or satisfactory reasons given why they are not discharged, their Warrants will be considered as Suspended.

Bro^r. Baker, from the Committee of Arrangements on the Occasion of the late procession in Honour of the Memory of our late Bro^r. Genl. Washington, Reported: That said Committee had, agreeably to a Resolution of this G. L., presented the Thanks of the G. L. to the Rev^d. Doct^r. Magaw for the elegant Oration by him delivered on the said Occasion, and requested him to furnish a Copy thereof for publication; That he had very obligingly complied with said request; That the Oration was now in the press, and that M^r. Ormrod, (the printer thereof,) had agreed to furnish whatever Number of Copies this G. L. should want at $\frac{3}{16}$ths of a Dollar per piece.

On Motion, Resolved, That the G. Sec^y. procure 200 Copies of the said Oration and transmit them to our own Lodges, to the different Grand Lodges with whom we communicate, and to such persons as the R. W. Grand Master shall direct.

It being late the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock to the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 25th April, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Extra Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Andrew Nilson, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Israel, Junior Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72 and 74 represented.

Seventeen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened them for the purpose of taking into Consideration a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Milford, in Wayne County.

The said Petition was thereupon read, and it being duly recommended, agreeably to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, in the names of Samuel C. Seely, Master; John Brink, S. W., and Eliphalet Kellogg, J. W., and that the said Lodge be Numbered 82.

Ordered, that Bro^r. Saml. C. Seely's note, at 90 days, Endorsed by Bro^r. Andrew Nilson for Amount of the Cost of said Warrant for Lodge N°. 82, and for the Expenses of this Meeting of the Grand Lodge, be received in payment for the same.

Brother Seely was then installed, recognized, and saluted as Master of Lodge N°. 82.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock to the next Grand Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd June, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John C. Baum, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee, Grand Treasurer.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Kenneth Jewell, Junior Grand Deacon, p. T.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 43, 45, 51, 56, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 73 and 74 represented.

Eighteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Last Quarterly Communication and of the different Communications held since that Time were read.

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee of Charity held since the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved of; it appeared by the said Minutes, that the said Committee had granted on the 17th of March last

to the Widow Eleanor Brown, . . . 10 Doll^s. and
to Bro^r. John Loehman, ... 5 Doll^s.

A Petition from the Members of Lodge No. 46, held at Churchtown, Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, was read; it stated the great inconvenience they laboured under in attending their Lodge, the most of them living at the distance of 18 miles therefrom, therefore, praying for permission to remove the said Lodge to Ephrata, in Cocalico Township, in said County, it being the most central and convenient place for their meeting. On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

The Petition of Phoebe McCullough, Widow of the late Bro^r. David McCullough, praying for assistance was read, and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

The Petition of Bartholomew Von Heer praying for Charity was read and referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

Bro^r. Barker represented that a Bro^r. George D. Taylor who had some time since arrived from England, and who had been in a very distressed situation, had lately died at the House of M^r. Carpenter in Broad Street, and that there were no Effects of the deceased wherewith to discharge his Funeral Expenses, and M^r. Chapman's Account for his Board and Attendance, and stated that he conceived it would be proper for this Grand Lodge to pay the same. On Consideration it was referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson, being his Appeal from certain proceedings of Lodge N°. 52 and which was received by the Grand Secretary the 23rd ult^o., was now presented and read and is in the words following:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and "Brethren of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn-"sylvania. Worshipful Sir and Brethren. I have taken the "liberty of informing you that I am under the disagreeable "Necessity of appealing from a decision of Lodge N°. 52, on a "complaint made by me against William Robinson, the Elder, "who is a Fellow Craft Mason in that Lodge. As I had fully "substantiated the Charges I had brought against him, both "as a Mason and as a Citizen, I did expect that the Lodge "would have thought it their duty to have passed some kind "of Censure on him, but when I contemplated on the Injury "he attempted to do me in my Office, as well as Individual "capacity, and that such Conduct should be passed over in "the manner it has is to me surprising, for after the Commit-"tee had made their Report against William Robinson and "that Report adopted, and a Motion made for some kind of "Censure, Without deciding on that Motion, another was "made to postpone the business which was carried and at the "next meeting another Postponement took place, and at a "Third meeting again postponed as will appear by the Min-"utes of that Night; after some of the *Brethren* had with-"drawn, One of the Members took the Advantage of their "absence and moved to take into Consideration the business,

"which was carried and the whole of the complaint discarded; "as a question of Law and not of Masonry, feeling as I do, "myself much hurt and injured by such unprecedented pro-"ceedings, I hope and pray that the Right Worshipful Grand "Master and the Worthy Brethren of the Grand Lodge will "take the proceedings of Lodge N°. 52, as far as respect the "differences that has arisen, into your most serious considera-"tion and grant him such relief as may by you deemed "proper. With all possible Respect, &c., (Signed) Ebenezer "Ferguson." The said Letter was accompanied with a Copy of Bro^r. Ferguson's Letter to the W. M^r. of Lodge N°. 52, informing him of his Intention of Appealing to this Grand Lodge, and also with Copies of the Proceedings of Lodge N°. 52 in the Premises.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r. Town, Milnor, Van Cleve, Johnson and Israel, be a Committee to investigate the proceedings of Lodge N°. 52 in the said Appeal referr'd to and make Report to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary furnish Lodge N°. 52 with a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

A Communication from American Union Lodge N°. 1, held at Marietta, Dated 10th April last, Acknowledging the receipt of Our Communication of December last, and Condoling with the Grand Lodge on the Death of Our late Brother General Washington was read and Order'd to be filed.

A Notification of the Expulsion of W—— P—— and H—— R—— from Lodge N°. 2, for Non Payment of Dues, was read.

A Letter from Bro^r. Andrew Richardson, Secr^y. of Lodge N°. 45, dated 16 Ult^o., was read. It requested to be furnished the Dates of the last Returns made by said Lodge.

A Communication in the French Language was received from Lodge N°. 47, held at Cape Francois, and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence. This communication was on board of a Vessel, which was Captured and carried into Jamaica, where it was deliver'd to the Agent of the United States, as Appears by the following indorsement on it: "Kingston, Jam^a., Jany. 22, 1800. Reced from R., of Ad-

miralty's Office. Wm. Savage, Agent of the U. S. of America."

It is presumed that it came to Mr. Savage's Hands opened, as it was opened when it was receiv'd at Philadelphia from the Post Office.

The following Returns of Lodge No. 66 were receiv'd and read, Viz.: Election Return of December last, Returning Matthias Kaler, W. Mr.; Charles Cramp, S. W.; Thomas Kirlin, J. W.; Thomas Kenedy, Secretary; John Jones, Treasurer. Return of Members up to St. John's Day last, Returning 24 Standing Members and the Rejection of G—— S——.

A Report from Bro^r. Terence Campbell was read; It stated that in Virtue of a Dispensation to him from the R. W. Grand Master dated the 31st Jany. last, he had on the 3rd April last, duly Installed the Officers of, and Constituted Lodge No. 79 at Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed on the 21st April last, on the Appeal of Bro^r. E—— F—— from the Vote of Expulsion pass'd against him by Lodge No. 19, made their Report which was read and in the words following, to wit: "To the Right Wor-"shipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Committee "appointed to Consider and Report upon the Appeal of "Brother E—— F—— from a Vote of Expulsion passed "against him by Lodge No. 19, on the Twentieth Day of "March last, beg leave to Report: That Your Committee after "due Notice being given to the Appellant and to Lodge No. "19, met and went into a full Consideration and examination "of the respective allegations of the parties and their Vouchers, "the Appellant and a Committee of the Lodge attending, and "in the result are unanimously of opinion, that the Vote of "the Expulsion against Brother F—— has taken place upon "mistaken grounds; the Members of Lodge No. 19 from want "of information on the subject, and from some obscurity in "their Books of transactions and Accounts, having been in-"duced to believe that he was largely indebted to them when "mutual explanation would most probably have convinced "them, as it has your Committee, that this is not the Case. "The following Circumstances, Your Committee think it

"right to mention. Brother F—— the Appellant, was elected "Treasurer of Lodge N°. 19, on S^t. John's Day in June, 1795, "and continued in that Office only until the next election on "S^t. John's Day in December, 1795. From a Comparative "view of the Book of Transactions and Book of Accounts of "the Lodge, and the statements addressed and substantiated "by the Appellant, it appears that the balance in his Hands "including his own Dues was at the last mentioned period no "more than Fifteen Dollars and Thirty Nine Cents. Indeed "the Appellant contended that the Lodge were indebted to "*him*, as he had paid a sum exceeding the Amount then "claimed from him by the Lodge, for Refreshments at One of "their Meetings, but of which he had lost the Bill and Re-"ceipt, so that the Amount could not be exactly ascertained. "This loss it became in Fact impracticable to supply, in con-"sequence of the removal of the Tyler from the City, and had "*he* been resorted to, it is not likely that his recollection "would have afforded the requisite information. It was ad-"mitted that there had been a Supper on the alleged Even-"ing, and it was not pretended that it was elsewhere, or in "any other way charged to the Lodge, and the Appellant was "willing to consider the above mentioned Sum of 15\frac{39}{100}$ as a "satisfaction for his expenditures on that occasion. From an "inspection of the customary expenses of the Lodge for re-"freshment about that Time, Your Committee are disposed to "give full Credit to the Appellant's Assertion, that with such "an Allowance he would have still been a loser. He was dis-"satisfied with the refusal of the Committee to accede to this "proposition, and he solemnly declares that in consequence "he gave a written resignation, into the hands of Brother "Sadler, then Master. No resignation however stands re-"corded, and the Appellant is charged with his dues up to the "time of his expulsion. The decease of our Worthy Brother "Sadler prevents full satisfaction on this subject, but as we "have the positive asseveration of the Appellant, connected "with a coincident conduct on his part in never attending the "meetings of the Lodge since, and the apparent acquiescence "of the Lodge itself by their not having proceeded against

"him for so long a time, we are strongly inclined to think "that he ought not to be considered as a Member since the "settlement of his Accounts in December, 1795, and that in "every point of view there is not sufficient cause of the punish-"ment inflicted upon him. Your Committee therefore pro-"pose the following Resolution: Resolved, That the Vote of "Expulsion passed by Lodge N°. 19, against Brother Elisha "Fisher on the twentieth day of March last, be reversed and "that he be restored to his full standing as a Mason. All "which is Respectfully submitted by James Milnor, Briton "Estill, Thos. Town, Robert Orr, Cadwr. Griffith, Philadelphia, "May 6, 1800." Which Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed on the 21st April last, on the Appeal of Bro^r. M—— W——, from the Vote of Suspension passed against him by Lodge N°. 19 made their Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit: "To the Right "Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The Committee "appointed to take into Consideration and make Report upon "the Petition of Brother M—— W—— appealing from a "vote of Suspension passed against him by Lodge N°. 19 on "the 20th of March last, beg leave to report: That in the "Opinion of Your Committee it is a Principle peculiarly ob-"ligatory on Masonic bodies never to convict a Brother of an "Offence to which disgrace and punishment are attached "without affording him an Opportunity of making his de-"fence; that unless the Brother charged is present when the "charge is made he ought previous to a Trial, much more a "Conviction, to receive notice to appear and Answer the Ac-"cusation, lest unhappily for the accused and the Fraternity, "an innocent Man should fall a Victim to the ill will of his "accusers or to the rashness or inadvertence of the Lodge; "that in the Case of Brother Watson, the Appellant, the Com-"mittee after hearing the Allegations and Proofs of L. N°. 19 "and the Appellant's relation of the Affair which produced "his suspension, cannot undertake to say that he is clear of "the imputation of misconduct, nor do they think it neces-"sary for them to determine whether the punishment inflicted "has been too lenient or too severe for the Offence, but they

"believe it sufficient for them to mention that no notice of "the charge was given to the Appellant, nor does it appear "that he knew of an Accusation until he was informed of the "resolution from which he has appealed. Your Committee "are Unanimously of Opinion that it will not be proper for "this Right Worshipful body to recognize such a procedure "in this instance, as it may lay the foundation of future in-"justice and essentially interfere with those just and equitable "considerations on an attention to which, in a good measure, "depend the permanent prosperity and harmony of the Craft. "Without intending to throw the smallest imputation on the "motives of the Members of Lodge N°. 19, or to influence in "any measure their future consideration and ultimate deter-"mination of the Case of the Appellant, Your Committee "propose the following Resolutions: Resolved, that Lodge N°. "19 reconsider the Vote of Suspension passed against Bro^r. "M—— W—— on the 20th March last, and that they give "him Notice of the time at which they propose to take his "Case into consideration. Resolved, that the Grand Secre-"tary furnish Lodge N°. 19, with a Copy of this Report and "Resolution. All which is respectfully submitted by James "Milnor, Briton Estill, Thos. Town, Robert Orr, Cadw^r. Griffith. "6 May, 1800." Which Report was adopted.

On Motion, Ordered, that the Committee on the business respecting some of Our Members visiting the African Lodge, Report at the next Communication.

It being late the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to S^t. John's Day next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

S^T. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 24th June, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Daniel McKaraher, Senr. Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" James Cummings, Junr. Grand Warden, pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" John Barker, Senr. Grand Deacon, pro Temp.
" Robert Orr, Junr. Grand Deacon.
" Peter Hazelton, Grand Pursuivant.
" Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 56, 63, 71 and 73 represented.

Eleven Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Lodges were called on to present their Returns and the following Returns were received, to wit.:

Lodge N°. 2. Election Return, returning George A. Baker, Master; Robert Pullen, S. W.; Adam Duey, J. W.; Thomas Marshall, Secy; John Cope, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 5. Election Return, returning John Hutton, Master; William Lindsey, S. W.; Timothy G. Darragh, J. W.; John Moody, Secretary; Leonard Vandegrift, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 9. Election Return, returning Andrew Nilson, Master; Joseph Campbell, S. W.; Archibald McConoghy, J. W.; William Huckel, Treasurer; James Wilkins, Secretary.

Lodge N°. 19. Election Return, returning Kenneth Jewell, Master; Ebenezer Ferguson, S. W.; William Gamble, J. W.; Samuel Hampton, Secretary; Abia Brown, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 71. Election Return, returning Alexander Moore, Master; James Walker, S. W.; Hugh Teirney, J. W.; William Johnston, Secretary; John Thompson, Treasurer. Also Notification of the Expulsion of P—— D——.

Lodge N°. 72. Election Return, returning Christian Sheetz, Master; John Cook, S. W.; Anthony Steel, J. W.; Frederick Stall, Treasurer; Patrick E. Whelan, Secretary.

Lodge N°. 73. Election Return, returning Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Esqr., Master; Edward George, S. W.; Thomas Badaraque, J. W.; C. M. D. Gervais, Treasurer; Augustus Belin, Secretary.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the House of Daniel Skinner, Senr., in Upper Smithfield Township, Northampton (now Wayne) County, Pennsylvania, to be named "St. Tammany's Lodge," and that Reuben Skinner may be named Master; Aaron Pierce, Senior Warden, and Jonathan Dexter, Junior Warden of the same, which being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge, On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 83.

A Petition from Sundry Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the District of Southwark; that Isaac Hozey may be named Master; George Springer, Senior Warden, and A. Campbell, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge may be called "The Benevolent Lodge." On Consideration, the said Petition was referred to Bro^rs. Town, A. Nilson, Jackson, McKarraher and Uhle, who are to make enquiries concerning the same and Report to this Grand Lodge.

A Letter was receiv'd from Bro^r. Duplessis, Proxy of Lodge N°. 77 and read, and is in the words following, to wit: "Philad^a., June 24th, 1800. Right Worshipful Sir and Bro^r.: "I am extremely sorry to be deprived of the pleasure of at-"tending the Grand Lodge this Day. I send you a Com-"munication from Lodge N°. 77, an Extract from the pro-"ceedings on the 6th April, when they were visited by our "worthy Brother Pierre Delaunay, you were pleased to depu-"tize for that purpose; A Return of their Officers; A Return "of their Members, And an Account of their dues to the 4th "March last. I flatter myself that the whole will prove sat-"isfactory to the Grand Lodge, and meet with their approba-"tion. Bro^r. Delaunay will deliver you the 150 Dollars, "mentioned in the Communication, with the intended appli-"cation. I am with respect, Right Worshipful Sir and Bro^r., "Your obed^t., hble Servt. and affectionate Bro^r., P. Le Barbier "Duplessis." Addressed, "R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, G. M., "Penns^a."

The following papers accompanied said Letter, Viz.:

Report of Bro^r. Delaunay, Viz.:

"To the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith, Grand "Master of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Penn-"sylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging: "Right Worshipful Brother, I have a peculiar satisfaction in "Reporting to you, that in compliance with the Deputation "you were pleased to grant me to visit and inspect Lodge Les "Freres Unis, N°. 77, at the East of Port D'Espagne, in the "Island of Trinidad, I did on the 6th of April last, meet the "said Lodge assembled in due form. That their works are in "every respect, regular and conformable to all rules and reg-"ulations of the Ancient Craft, and Especially of the R. W. "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. That the greatest attention "is paid by the Master, Officers and Old Members of the said "Lodge to the instructions and Improvement of New Breth-"ren. That every Member do profess the utmost respect, at-"tachment and good wishes, for the prosperity of the Right "Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Lodges "under their Jurisdiction. That the said Lodge is composed "of the most respectable Characters of the Island, and in my "opinion will always reflect the highest Honour on Masonry. "I beg leave to refer You to the Communications they have "forwarded by me to their Representative, Bro^r. Peter Le Bar-"bier Duplessis, to be laid before the R. W. Grand Lodge. "You will find therein, the most convincing Proofs of their "Zeal, Punctuality and Brotherly Love. I am with the "greatest respect, Right Worshipful Brother, Your sincere, "Affectionate and Faithful Bro^r. De Launay."

Communication from Lodge N°. 77 in the French Language; the Translation by Bro^r. Duplessis is as follows:

"At the East of Port D'Espagne, Island Trinidad. To the "Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe! The Lodge "S^t. John, Les Freres Unis, N°. 77. To the Right Worshipful "the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, having Supreme Masonic "Jurisdiction over the Lodges of Ancient York Masons under "their Jurisdiction, Greeting and Respect! Right Worship-"ful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand

"Lodge: The Day of the Installation of our Lodge is the era "to which they are indebted for their happiness. They will "never forget that to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania they "owe their being a regular Lodge.

"The several Members have solemnly engaged to express "you their eternal gratitude, and to assure you of their re-"spectful Brotherly Submission. We feel ourselves also ex-"tremely happy this day that the Grand Lodge have directed "the Perfect Bro^r. Pierre Delaunay to visit us. We owe that "great favour to the love our Worshipful Mother has for her "children. We pray for the continuation of your kind at-"tention. If from the report of Bro^r. Delaunay you find we "have been successful in our Works, you may believe that a "part of their Brightness is due to the Light we have received "from the Grand Lodge.

"By imitating your Example we will find the sure Means "of strengthening an Institution, which has for its Basis "Virtue and Charity. We send you a Copy of the proceed-"ings which took place at the extraordinary Meeting on the "Day when our Lodge had the honour of being inspected in "your name, by your Deputy, Brother Pierre Delaunay; also, "the Election of our Officers, which was made in due form "and unanimously at the last S^t. John; also, the List of the "Members of our Lodge, with the Alterations which have "been made since our last Communication. We have given "to Bro^r. Delaunay a Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, "One part whereof is intended to pay the dues of Lodge N^o. "77 to the Grand Lodge and for the Initiations, agreeably "to the Regulations of the G. L., to March 4th of the present "year. We wish the other part of that Sum to be applied as "a Voluntary Contribution to Assist in the purchase or build-"ing of a place suitable for the Meetings of the R. W. Grand "Lodge. The Lodge 'Les Freres Unis, N°. 77,' wishing to "see their worthy Members attain the highest Degrees of the "Royal Art and Free Masonry, did receive with rapture the "Copies of the regulations of a General Grand Chapter of "Royal Arch, established under your sanction. We have de-"posited a Copy amongst the Archives of the Lodge, and the

"other has been delivered to Seven perfect Members, unani-
"mously elected amongst us, to form, under the sanction of
"our Warrant, a H. Royal Arch Chapter. We do authorize
"them to apply to the General Grand Chapter of R. Arch that
"they may obtain a regular Warrant of that Supreme Degree.
"We do pray the W^l. the Grand Lodge to befriend them. We
"do recommend them as faithful and bright Geometric Master
"Masons and as skilful Workmen, who have been worthy of
"holding the Chair, and they have filled the Offices of the
"Lodge to the satisfaction of their Brethren, &c., which we do
"Certify in favour of our well-beloved Brethren. May the
"Holy Blessings of the Supreme Great Architect of the Uni-
"verse attend the Worshipful Members of the R. W. Grand
"Lodge and their Sublime Works! Amen!

"We have the respectful favour of saluting you by the
"mysterious numbers that are known unto you.

"Done in the Lodge and given under our Seal the 6th Day
"of April, 1800, Anno Lucis 5800.

"By Order, F. MALLET, Master,
"V^r. PATRICE, R., ✠ R. O. ✠
"Secretary, L. N°. 77. of Lodge Les Freres Unis, N°. 77.
"Translated and presented by (June 23^d, 5800,)
"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, Proxy to L. N°. 77."

Extract from the proceedings of Lodge N°. 77, in the French Language; the Translation by Bro^r. Duplessis is as follows:

"To the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.
"Extract from the deliberation which has taken place at the
"meeting which the Lodge Les Freres Unis, have held at the
"East of Port D'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad, under
"the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
"to Answer the request made by the perfect Bro^r. Delaunay,
"as Deputy of the G. Lodge. The Brethren having assembled
"and being most fraternally United under the true Geometric
"Point an App. Lodge was opened agreeably to the Cus-
"tomary form practiced by our Ancient M. After the Lodge
"was opened, the Worshipful and perfect Brother Delaunay

"was announced as Deputy from the R. W. Grand Lodge. "He was introduced in the Temple with the High Honours "and the Worshipful Master delivered to him the Gavel and "Badge of his Office. The Brother Deputy from the G. Lodge "having taken the Seat, did graciously greet the Lodge Les "Freres Unis, N°. 77, in behalf of the Grand Lodge and did "ask for the Minutes, Correspondence and other Books, &c., "in order to inspect them. Having found the whole con-"formable to the regulations of the Ancient Craft, he did "subscribe and approve the work of the Lodge Les Freres "Unis, N°. 77. Bro^r. Delaunay did deliver an Address equally "instructive and eloquent. He did pay a Compliment to the "W^l. Bro^r. Mallet and the Officers of the Lodge Les Freres "Unis, for their punctuality in observing the regulations of "the R. W. Grand Lodge. He has been delighted with the "Union and good Harmony that prevail amongst the Work-"men of Lodge N°. 77. Brother Delaunay has seen with "pleasure the Books of our Committee of Charity, and in the "most agreeable expressions has testified to all the Brethren, "That our Lodge, though alone in the Archipelago of the "Antilles, has found the means of supporting the Widows and "poor Masons whom the misfortunes of the War have driven "from their homes. He has also approved our Initiations, "Admissions of Members, Correspondence and other Works, "&c., &c., &c. The Dear Brother Delaunay, after having "congratulated, complimented and approved the Works of the "Lodge Freres Les Unis, N°. 77, hath saluted all the Members "of the Lodge by a treble vivat and desired Bro^r. Mallet to "take the Chair again. The Worshipful Master did obey to "the Deputy of the Grand Lodge and having taken the Chair, "did deliver an address of thanks and required from the "Workmen of Lodge N°. 77, a treble vivat, in order to testify "to Brother Delaunay, the Representative of the Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania, the satisfaction we feel at the inspecting "and approving of our works, and desired Brother Delaunay "to inform the Grand Lodge that if we have met with any "success, we are indebted for it to the Grand Lodge. The "treble vivat was attended to with all the Zeal and Joy that

"may be felt by the true Sons of the R. W. Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania.

"Certified Conformable to the Original extract from the "Deliberations Book, Fol. 90. Done and given in Lodge the "Sixth Day of the Second Month of the true Light 5800.

"F. MALLET, R. ✠ Worshipful
"Master of Lodge Les Freres Unis, N°. 77.

"By Order
"V^t. PATRICE, R. ✠
"Secretary to L. N°. 77,

"DELAUNAY,
"Translated and presented by
"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
"Proxy to L. Les Freres Unis, N°. 77."

Their Election Return for 12 Months from S^t. John's Day, June, 1799, returning, F^s. Th^s. Mallet, M^r.; Etienne Maingot, S. W.; Valentine Bazauta, J. W.; Vincent Patrice, Secretary; Gaspard Laim Thues, Treasurer. Their Return of Members to 10th April last, returning 43 Standing Members.

All which Communications, Report, &c., having been read, Bro^r. Delaunay deliver'd to the R. W. G. M. the 150 Dollars above mentioned, 50 whereof being the Amount of the dues of Lodge N°. 77, agreeable to their Account, the remainder to wit: 100 Dollars is a present from said Lodge to this Grand Lodge to be applied towards the purchasing or Building a place suitable for the Meetings of the same.

On Consideration the said Communications, &c., from Lodge N°. 77 were referred to the Committee of Correspondence, who are to answer the same and to return the most cordial Thanks of this Grand Lodge to her Dutiful and Affectionate "Lodge Les Freres Unis, N°. 77," for the aforesaid handsome Present.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That the R. W. G. M., R. W. D. G. M. and R. W. S. G. W. be a Committee to invest the said 100 dollars so presented by Lodge N°. 77 in some public Stock for Account of this Grand Lodge, to be applied to the purposes contemplated by Lodge N°. 77.

The R. W. G. M. was pleased to return his Thanks, as also

the Thanks of this Grand Lodge to Bro^r. Delaunay for his able and faithful execution of the high powers delegated to him by the R. W. G. M. for the purpose of Visiting and Inspecting Lodge N°. 77, and to express his great satisfaction on the Report made so favourable to that Lodge, respecting their Fraternal, Orderly and truly Masonic proceedings.

The said Donation of 100 Dollars, the R. W. G. M. retained in his hands, and (the Grand Treasurer being absent,) the 50 Dollars, Amount of Dues, were delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be by him paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. William Nelson represented that the W. M^r. of L^o. N°. 31, held at Norristown, having been in the City, but business not permitting his stay to attend the Communication had requested him to state to this Grand Lodge, That said Lodge N°. 31 were indebted to this Grand Lodge for several Years Dues, but that they had supported our Ancient Brother Ghislin for a Number of Years past, which they conceived would amount to, if not exceed, their G. L. dues. That the Members of the said Lodge are now few in Number and that their Funds are low and request that in Consideration of their having so supported Bro^r. Ghislin, the said Lodge may be exonerated from the payment of their past Dues to this Grand Lodge, promising from this Time forward to be punctual in the discharge of the same.

On Consideration, the same was referr'd to Bro^rs. Milnor, I. Israel and Griffiths to examine and make Report at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Minutes were then read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M., to the next stated Quarterly communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Copy of a Letter written by the Committee of Correspondence, in compliance with a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 3rd March last, to the different Grand Lodges in the United

States on the subject of the propositions made by the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina for establishing a *Superintending Grand Lodge.*

(CIRCULAR.)

"PHILADA., March 28th, 1800.

"RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS!

"In conformity to the Resolutions of the Right Worshipful "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania herewith transmitted, and in "their name, we address you on this occasion.

"We are convinced that, upon consideration, you will ap- "prove the motives which have induced the Grand Lodge of "Pennsylvania not to accede to the proposals made by the "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina for the "establishing of a Superintending Grand Lodge, &c.

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will ever most cordially "join in all Endeavors more closely to cement the Union "which should exist betwixt all Grand Lodges, to strengthen "the Pillars of our Ancient Institution by a constant and gen- "eral Masonic Correspondence, and to give and receive at all "times such Communications as concern the Craft or may "promote their Advancement. You will find by our pro- "ceedings that we persist in our Opinion that a Grand Con- "vention of Deputies from the different Grand Lodges, held "occasionally as circumstances may require, would Answer "every useful purpose and not be attended with any bad con- "sequences. There, we conceive, the distinction between "Modern and Ancient Masonry may be taken up, and the "Sense of the Craft be expressed on the steps proper to be "pursued on this Subject. Masonry is certainly an entire "System, and Regularly made Masons ought to consider them- "selves as Members of but One Family.

"It is with peculiar pleasure we inform you of the increas- "ing prosperity of Ancient Masonry under our Jurisdiction, "as well as under that of the different Grand Lodges in the "different quarters of the Globe in Union with us.

"We beg Your R. W. Grand Lodge would Acknowledge "the Receipt of this Communication.

"With Esteem and best wishes for your Grand Lodge and "the Craft under its Jurisdiction, we are

"Right Worshipful Brothers,

"Your Sincere Friends and faithful Brothers,

(Signed) "P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
"M. LEIB,
"JAMES MILNOR."

R.W. G. L. of New Hampshire.
" Massachusetts.
" Connecticut.
" New York.
" New Jersey.

R.W. G. L. of Maryland.
" Virginia.
" North Carolina.
" South Carolina.
" Georgia.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st September, A. L. 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Doct^r. Archibald Alexander, R. W. Junr. Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Amies, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Peter Hazleton, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 68, 73, 74, 80 and 81 represented.

Sixteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That no Visitors be admitted this Evening after 8 o'clock.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Grand General Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their different Meetings held since the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved of; it appeared thereby that the said Committee had granted the following sums, Viz.:

On the 16th of June, as follows:

to Phœbe McCullough, Widow of the late Bro. David McCullough, late Member of No. 2, . Ds.	8.
to Bro. Bartholomew Von Heer, . . .	5.
towards discharging Funeral Expenses and Board, &c., of George D. Taylor, late deceased, . .	12.
to Rachael Rice, Widow of the late John Rice, formerly a Member of No. 2, ...	10.
to Bro. John Ghislin, ...	10.

On the 18th August, as follows:

to Bro. Henry C. Baker, lately removed from Delaware State, ...	10.

And that the said Committee had sanctioned certain proceedings relative to the obtaining a Replevin in behalf of Mrs. Bridget Corry; the Minutes of the said Committee respecting the same is in the words following, to wit, "Bro. "Baker informed the Committee, Mrs. Bridget Corry, Widow "of our late Bro. Walter Corry, late Grand Pursuivant, hav- "ing informed the R. W. D. G. M. that her Goods had been "illegally distrained for Rent by a certain James Cosgrove "and Michael Maguire, the R. W. D. G. M. directed her to "state the case to Bro. Milnor, who having heard the same, "had written a note to Bro. Baker which is in the words fol- "lowing: 'From Mrs. Corry's Statement I am induced to "think the distresses illegal and that she must succeed in a "Replevin. To obtain in this, she will have to pay to the "Prothonotary 7 / 6d. and to the Sheriff 12 / 6d., which if you "would let her have out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, I "am sure it would be allowed by the Committee of Charity to "a distressed and deserving Woman. Some Gentleman must "enter Security with her at the Sheriff's.' That agreeably to "Bro. Milnor's recommendation he had paid 7 / 6d. for a writ "of Replevin and 12 / 10d. Costs to the Sheriff, and that he "had given Security to the Sheriff in the Sum of 140 Dollars.

"The Committee, on Consideration, allow the said Sums of "7 / 6d. and 12 / 10d., paid by Brother Baker, as a Charge "against the Grand Lodge; they approve of his having so "given his Bond to the Sheriff, and engage that the Grand "Lodge hold him indemnified for the same."

A Pamphlet containing an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in the Year A. L. 5799, was receiv'd, and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The following Returns were received and read, Viz.:

Lodge No. 3. Election Return, returning Bro. Israel Israel, W. M.; Bro. Thomas Passmore, S. W.; Bro. Ezekiel Howell, J. W.; Bro. Samuel Israel, Secretary; Bro. James Milnor, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 46. Election Return of June last, returning Bro. John Wright, W. M.; Bro. Henry Beam, S. W.; Bro. John Corman, J. W.; Bro. Jacob Coffroth, Secretary; Bro. John Senreman, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 47. Return of Members; also, A Communication in the French Language which was referr'd to the Commitee of Correspondence to Answer.

Lodge No. 51. Election Return of June last: Bro. John W. Van Cleve, W. M.; Bro. Simon Gratz, S. W.; Bro. Thomas Shoemaker, J. W.; Bro. James Rolph, Secretary; Bro. Henry Beck, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 52. Election Return of June last: Bro. George Morton, W. M.; Bro. Chalkley Collins, S. W.; Bro. Philip Sommercamp, J. W.; Bro. William Franklin, Secretary; Bro. Thomas Amies, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 27 Standing Members.

Lodge No. 59. Election Return of June last: Bro. Thomas Hennessey, W. M.; Bro. John Ward, S. W.; Bro. William Sweeny, J. W.; Bro. William McCullagh, Secretary; Bro. John Pragers, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 42 Members and returning N—— B——, J—— C——, J—— N. R——, W—— W——, J—— E——, J—— L——, J—— S——, Suspended, and Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 67. Election Return of June last: Bro^r. John Uhle, W. M.; Bro^r. Samuel Passy, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Cloud, J. W.; Bro^r. Lodewyck Sharpe, Secretary; Bro^r. Adam Eckfeld, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 24 Members. Accounts of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 68. Returns of Members up to December last, returning 20 Members.

Lodge N°. 69. Election Return of June last: Bro^r. William Anderson, W. M^r.; Bro^r. Preston Eyre, S. W.; Bro^r. Joseph Engle, J. W.

Lodge N°. 80. Election Return of June last: Bro^r. Henry Barns, W. M.; Bro^r. John Charles, S. W.; Bro^r. Andrew Charles, J. W.; Bro^r. Robert Dunlap, Secretary; Bro^r. James McChesny, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 22 Members, and the rejection of A—— E—— and E—— F——. Account of Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge N°. 81. Election Return of June last: Bro^r. John Sellers, W. M.; Bro^r. David Couden, S. W.; Bro^r. Francis Shallus, J. W.; Bro^r. Edward Shoemaker, Secretary; Bro^r. Matthew Houston, Treasurer. Copy of Bye Laws of Lodge N°. 81, which were referr'd to Bro^rs. I. Israel, Griffith and McKaraher to examine and report thereon.

A Resolution of Lodge N°. 19, Acknowledging the Receipt of a Copy of the Oration delivered by the Reverend Doct^r. Magaw, in Honour of the Memory of the late General Washington, and expressing the Thanks of the said Lodge for the same, was read.

Two Letters to Bro^r. Grand Secretary, One from Bro^r. Joseph Patton, W. M^r., and from Bro^r. John Cadwallader, One of the Members of Lodge N°. 55, requesting certain information respecting the Grand Lodge dues, were read. Brother Baker informed the Grand Lodge that he had given the necessary instructions.

A Letter from Charles Wheeler, Esqr.. W. M. of Lodge N°. 60, dated 7th July last, was read; it Acknowledged the Receipt of a Copy of the Rev^d. Doct^r. Magaw's Oration and of the Circular containing the Resolution of this Grand Lodge respecting delinquent Lodges, and promised their endeavours to

comply in time with that Article requested to be observed in said Circular, being the 22nd Article of the Bye Laws of this G. Lodge.

A letter dated July 18, 1800, from Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg, Attested under Seal of the Lodge, was read. It stated that Brors. John Campbell, James Clark and William G. Elder, from Somerset, had prayed said Lodge to recommend them to this G. Lodge to obtain a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Somerset, and recommended them accordingly. No Petition having been received for a Warrant as above, the said Recommendation was Order'd to lie on the Table.

A Letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 73 was read; it enclosed an Extract of the Minutes of said Lodge respecting Bror. Mathias Ford which was read and is in the words following, to wit: "French Lodge L'Amenite, No. 73. Stated Meet-"ing of the Sixth of August, A. L. 5800. The Lodge deeply "impressed with Sentiments of Gratitude and Admiration for "the Humane, Generous and truly Masonic Conduct of "Brother Mathias Ford of Lodge No. 67, towards Two worthy "Members of this Lodge and other persons who went to St. "Domingo as passengers on board the Vessel whereof the "said Brother Ford was Captain, hath unanimously resolved "as follows:

"1. That Brother Mathias Ford is, and shall hereafter be, "an honorary Member of this Worshipful Lodge.

"2. That a Certificate, expressive of this inadequate hom-"age paid to the Masonic Virtues of said Brother Ford, shall "be made out in as acceptable and elegant a manner as the "approaching departure of this worthy Brother will admit.

"3. That the Secretary of this Lodge is hereby directed to "deliver to said Brother Ford, Authentic Copies of the Com-"munications addressed to this Lodge by our sister Lodges of "Port au Prince, and which contain both a narrative of what "this Brother has done and the best merited praises of his "conduct.

"4. That the Secretary be also directed to forward a Copy "of these Resolutions to the Grand Secretary of the Worship-

"ful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as the same being a Mon-
"ument of Justice done to Merit, and of the fresh instance of
"the good to be derived from our most Ancient and Sublime
"institution."

A Petition from Lodge No. 80 was read. It set forth that the present place of Meeting of said Lodge at the United States Arms, Sadsbury Township, Chester County, is very inconvenient for the chief part of their Members; therefore, praying for permission to remove said Lodge to the Sign of the Rising Sun, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, Whereupon,

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

The Committee appointed on the 24th June last, on the Petition of sundry Brethren, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the District of Southwark, made Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania: The Committee appointed on the within Petition
"Beg leave to Report, That having met for the purpose of
"proceeding in the business assigned them, they received a
"Letter (herewith presented) from Brother Bussiere, One of
"the within Petitioners, requesting that for reasons therein
"given he might not be considered as an Applicant. His
"name being withdrawn from said Petition leaves the same
"with only Four Petitioners, and cannot, therefore, be further
"Acted upon, as agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of
"the Grand Lodge, Five Petitioners are indispensably neces-
"sary to a Petition praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge.
"Which is Respectfully submitted. July 28, 1800. (Sign'd)
"Thos. Town, Andw. Nilson, Robert Jackson, John Uhle, Danl.
"McKarraher."

Which report was Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Accounts presented the Account of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, from St. John's Day, December, 1797, to St. John's Day, June last, together with their Report on the same, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge: The Committee "of Accounts respectfully Report, That they have examined "the within and foregoing Account of the Grand Secretary, "Brother Baker, commencing St. John's Day, December 27th, "1797, and ending St. John's Day, June 24, 1800, and com-"pared the same with the proper Vouchers, by which it ap-"pears that his receipts during the above-mentioned period "amount to Nine Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars and "Fifty Nine Cents, and his expenditures to the Sum of Four "Hundred and Six Dollars and Sixty One and an Half Cents; "that there remained in his hands on the said 24 June, 1800, "due to the Grand Lodge, a Balance of Five Hundred and "Eighteen Dollars and Ninety Seven and an Half Cents. "(Signed) James Milnor, Saml. Israel, Comee."

Which was Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Accounts presented the Account of Bror. McElwee from 28th Decemr., 1798, to 5th July last, together with their Report thereon, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee of Accounts Respectfully Report that "understanding the Grand Treasurer, Brother McElwee, was "about to depart for Europe, the Committee conceived it their "duty to call upon him for a settlement of his Accounts. "That agreeably to their request Brother McElwee attended a "meeting of the Committee at Brother Baker's, when some "progress was made in the settlement of his Accounts, and "Bro. McElwee assuring the Committee that he was not about "to leave the City another Meeting was appointed, previous to "which, however, Bro. McElwee sailed for Europe; that the "Committee then called on Brors. Orr and Cannan, who were "in possession of the papers of Bror. McElwee, who obligingly "permitted the Committee to examine such as related to the "Office of Grand Treasurer, and from which the Committee "have been enabled to make out the annexed account, the "Credits of which correspond with the Grand Secretary's "Books, and the Debits of which are made up from Bro. Mc-"Elwee's Vouchers. The Committee are of Opinion that a "Balance of Two Hundred and Eleven Pounds 6/7d. remains

"due the Grand Lodge by Bro. McElwee. Sep. 1, 1800.
"(Sign'd) James Milnor, Sam[l]. Israel, Com[ee].''

Which was Ordered to lie on the Table.

Whereupon, a Motion was made and Seconded, That the Grand Lodge now go into the Election of a Grand Treasurer to serve in the room of Brother McElwee until the next General Election.

On Motion, the Consideration of the above Motion was postponed until the next meeting of this Lodge.

Bro[r]. Grand Secretary Reported, That he had forwarded the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 21st April last, respecting Lodges in Arrears with the Grand Lodge for Two Years, together with a Copy of the 22nd Article of the Bye Laws of the Grand Lodge, to the following Lodges, Viz.: Lodge No. 12, 14, 18, at Dover, 19, 22, 25, 26, 31, 35, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 70, 74 and 76.

On Motion, the Committee appointed on the 3rd February and 3d March last, on the business respecting some of Our Members Visiting the African Lodge were discharged.

The R. W. G. M. informed the Lodge that agreeably to a Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 21st April last, on the appeal of John Strain, George Strain and James Strain, he had appointed a Committee of certain Brethren in the Country, to examine carefully into the Causes of the Suspensions of the said Brethren by said Lodge No. 80, but that he had not yet receiv'd the Report of the said Committee.

All of the Committees who have not Reported are continued over.

It being late, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at half past 10 o'clock P. M., to tomorrow Evening at 6 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 2nd September, A. L. 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Doct^r. Archibald Alexander, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Andrew Nilson, Senior Grand Deacon, p. T.
" John Johnston, Junior Grand Deacon, p. T.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71 and 74 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of last Evening were read.

The Committee appointed on the 19th of March, 1798, on the Bye Laws of Lodges N°. 66 and 72, made their Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit: "The "Committee appointed to Examine the Bye Laws of N°. 66 "and 72, beg leave to Report, That we have Examined the "same and find nothing therein contained contrary to the "Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and find them "not Repugnant to the Ancient Constitution of Masonry. "Philad^a., 2nd Sept^r., 1800. (Sign'd) Thos. Town, Andw. Nil-"son, W^m. Nelson."

Which Report was accepted.

On Motion, the Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. Baker, Grand Secretary, read yesterday, was now read a Second Time and accepted.

On Motion, The Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Account of Bro^r. McElwee, Grand Treasurer, read yesterday, was now read a second time and accepted.

The Consideration of the Motion made yesterday, That the Grand Lodge now go into the Election of a Grand Treasurer, to serve in the room of Bro^r. McElwee until the next General

Election, and which was postponed to this meeting, was now resumed. On the question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Grand Lodge, thereupon, proceeded to the Election, when Bro^r. Gavin Hamilton was duly Elected Grand Treasurer, and immediately after Installed in the said Office.

Bro^r. Milnor, Chairman of the Committee appointed the 21st April last, on the Appeals of Bro^rs. F—— and W——., presented an Account of Expenses incurr'd by said Committee, amounting to £5. 19. 5½, which was paid by him, and prayed that he might be reimbursed the same.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That an Order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favour of Bro^r. Milnor for the said sum, and that the same be charged to Lodge N°. 19, from whose decision the said Appeals were made.

The Minutes were then read, and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the next Stated Quarterly Communication.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st December, A. L. 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" George Morton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, p. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Daniel McKaraher, S. G. Deacon, p. T.
" Thomas Hennessy, J. G. Deacon, p. T.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77 and 81 represented.

Nineteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly and Adjourned Communications were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their different Meetings held since the last Quarterly Communication were read and Approved of; it appeared by said Minutes that the said Committee had granted on the 17th November last,

to the Widow of Bro^r. William Skinner, late a Member of Lodge N°. 19, the Sum of . . . D^s. 10.

to Bro^r. Conrad Kremer, of Lodge N°. 12 at Winchester, Virginia, the Sum of . . . . 10.

A Communication from the G. L. of Ireland, of 7th August last, was read, and is in the words following:

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland acknowledge with sincere Affection the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and being fully sensible that nothing can more effectually contribute to the welfare of the Craft, than general and unreserved intercourse between the several Grand Lodges of the World, the Grand Lodge of Ireland will anxiously seek all occasions to cultivate correspondence with them, and especially with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Actuated by Sensations of the deepest regret, the Grand Lodge of Ireland desire to intermix their Afflictions with the Brethren of America on the Death of the great and good man, pre-eminent in every attribute which can adorn or illustrate the Human Character. Living, he realized and practiced the virtues which Sages have imagined and the Christian Dispensation has reveal'd. Called by the Omniscient Architect to the regions of everlasting Life and Light, he has left behind for the contemplation and instruction of mankind that well-earned and imperishable fame which shall endure on Earth until time merges in Eternity. The Masonic and Eloquent Address delivered by the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania so emphatically speaks the sentiments of the Grand Lodge of Ireland that they have order'd it to be Recorded in Testimony of the veneration in which they hold the Memory of their departed Brother George Washington."

It contained a list of their Grand Officers, being

R^t. W. and R^t. Honble. Richard Lord Viscount Donoughmore, G. M.

Honble. Major-General John Hely Hutchinson, S. G. W.

Alexander Jaffray, Esqr., J. G. W.

John Boardman, Esqr., G. Treasurer.

Georges D'Arcy Irwine, Esqr., Grand Secretary.

M^r, Thomas Corker, Dep. Gr. Secretary.

It was accompanied with a Letter from the J. G. W., and one from the G. Treas^r., which intimated that an Orphan School had been established under the patronage of the Grand Lodge, who had given £200 towards its support, and that the institution was intended for the maintainance and Education of the Female Children of deceased Brethren, and requesting that one of the Ahiman Rezons, published by this Grand Lodge might be sent.

A Communication from the G. L. of Lower Canada, dated Quebec, 31st May last was read; it contained an Address of the said G. L. to his Royal Highness, Edward the Duke of Kent, R. W. Grand Master of said G. L. and his Royal Highness's Answer thereto; and it also contained a List of Expulsions, as follows, Viz.: L—— P——, of N°. 5, D—— D——, of N°. 6, J—— M——, of N°. 8, for Violating their Masonic Obligations in a High Degree; V—— B——, of N°. 8, for defamation; P—— C——, H—— E——, J—— M——, N°. 10, for unmasonic behaviour in frequently disturbing the Harmony of the Lodge to which they belonged.

A Letter from the Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Connecticut dated Septr. 11th, was read; it enclosed a Copy of the Bye Laws, &c. of said Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland containing the proceedings of said G. L. of 22nd, 23^d and 24th June last, was read. It contained a List of their Grand Officers, being,

Bro^r. William Thomas, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.

" Doct^r. John Crawford, R. W. D. G. M.

" Gabriel Christie, Esqr., R. W. S. G. W.

" Jesse Green, Esqr., R. W. J. G. W.

" Samuel Vincent, Grand Secretary.

" William McDonald, Grand Treasurer.

And it communicated the following Suspensions, Viz.: D—— T——, F—— O——, J—— L——, W—— K——, J—— T. F——, A—— Y——, S—— W——, P—— P——, No. 75; B—— W——, I—— D——, No. 22; J—— H——, J—— P——, No. 23; T—— E——, No. 25; L—— H——, No. 26; and Expulsions, Viz.: J—— E——, J—— S——, W—— G——, No. 3; H—— L——, No. 22; W—— D——, No. 23.

A Communication from the G. L. of Georgia of 7th July last was read; it acknowledged the Receipt of the Circular of this G. L. on the subject of the proposition from the G. L. of South Carolina for the Establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge, &c., and contains a Resolution of said G. L. of Georgia, to defer acting finally in said business at that time, or until in its operation, its practicability and Utility may be more clearly evinced.

A Communication from Lodge La Reunion Desiree, held at Port Republican, St. Domingo, with a list of their Members, was read.

A Letter from Bro. Alexander, R. W. J. G. W., dated 21st ultimo, was read. It stated that he had lately had an Appointment from the State of Delaware, which would put it out of his power in future to give his attendance at the meetings of this Grand Lodge, therefore resigning his office of J. G. Warden.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Somerset, in the county of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and that John Campbell may be named Master; William G. Elder, Senior Warden, and James Clarke, Junior Warden of the same, which, being duly Recommended by Lodge No. 64 (which recommendation was read the 1st September last, and was again read,) according to the Regulations of this G. L., on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 84.

A Petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge in the Town of Alexandria,

Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and that Samuel Marshal may be named Master; John Crawford, Senior Warden, and John Buchannan, Junior Warden of the same; which being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this G. L., on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, That the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 85.

The Committee of Correspondence made Report on divers Communications referr'd to them, which Report was read and is in the words following, Viz.:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania. The Committee of Correspondence to whom were re-
"ferred the several Communications from the R. W. Grand
"Lodges of Virginia and North Carolina, also from Lodges
"N°. 47, at Port Republicain, and N°. 77, at Port D'Espagne,
"beg leave to report: That the Extracts from the Records and
"Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, from
"October, 5793 to December 11th, 5799, contain many Reso-
"lutions several of which concern the particular Lodges under
"the jurisdiction and others of a general Nature amongst
"which your Committee have noticed the following:

"Oct^r., 5793. Quarterly Meetings of the Grand Lodge dis-
"continued."

"Nov^r., 5796. Resolved, that it would be highly proper for
"the G. Lodge to recommend to the Subordi-
"nate Lodges, That Ballotting in Case of in-
"troducing Candidates to the Mysteries of
"Masonry should be confined to Master
"Masons only."

" 5797. "Resolved, That Candidates rejected in any
"Lodge shall not be eligible in that, or any
"other such Lodge until the Expiration of
"Twelve Months."

" 5798. "A Brother may not without impropriety, be
"a Member of more than One Chartered
"Lodge at One and the same Lime."

" D^o. "Corporeal Deformity in a Candidate for In-

"Nov^r., 5798. "itiation shall not be considered as a suffi-
"cient reason for rejecting him, unless his
"deformity be such as to render him incapa-
"ble of pursuing his worldly avocations, or
"likely to prevent him from procuring a
"livelihood in case he should be necessitated
"so to do."

" 5799. "Should any Brother resident in Virginia,
"who may not belong to any Lodge under
"the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, deport
"himself so immorally as to merit the repro-
"bation of his Brethren, the subordinate
"Lodge nearest to the place of his residence
"shall have power to take cognizance of such
"reprehensible conduct, in the same manner
"as if the said Brother were a Member of that
"Lodge."

" D^o. "Opinion of the G. Lodge in favour of the
"R. W. G. Master of Maryland concerning
"some differences arisen between him and the
"R. W. G. Lodge of Maryland."

" D^o. "Resolved, That the Consideration of the
"Letter from the G. Lodge of South Carolina
"in which it is announced that it is contem-
"plated by the said Grand Lodge, to propose
"to the other Grand Lodges in the United
"States, the establishment of a Superintend-
"ing Grand Lodge for America, be postponed
"until the subsequent notification therein
"proposed be received from the Grand Lodge
"of South Carolina."

"There is a List of Subordinate Lodges, 61 in Number.

"Your Committee further report, That by the Communica-
"tion from the R. W. G. Lodge of North Carolina, it appears
"that James Glasgow, late Deputy Grand Master and Secre-
"tary of the State, has been Suspended upon charges reported
"by the Committee of the Legislature of the State against
"him and that D^r. Redmund Dillon Barry and John Conroy

"have been Suspended, and arrested from the Benefits of "Masonry upon such Charges.

"That the Most W. G. Master, Wardens and Members of "the G. Lodge of North Carolina, have by an Act of the "Legislature of that State, holden in the City of Raleigh, in "November, 1797, been Incorporated under the Name and "Title of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

"There is a List of Lodges, 40 in Number; New York, 54 "Lodges; Connecticut, 37 Lodges, and South Carolina, 44 "Lodges.

"Your Committee further Report, That the Communica- "tions from Lodge No. 77, at Port D'Espagne, in the Island "of Trinidad, dated Decr. 15th, 5798, are a Report of Bro. "Gallaud whom the R. W. G. Master had deputed to Install "the W. Master of said Lodge and the particulars of the In- "stallation; all the proceedings have been attended with the "utmost regularity, Harmony and respect for the Grand "Lodge and Bro. Gallaud, and all the Brethren have given "the most flattering and unequivocal proofs of their Zeal in "Ancient Masonry, and your Committee are of Opinion that "from the respectability of the Brethren composing that W. "Lodge, being 39 in Number, Ancient Masonry will derive a "very great advantage and the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania in "particular.

"That the Other Communication from the said Lodge is the "report of Bro. Delaunay deputed to Visit the said Lodge; "all those proceedings were read in Grand Lodge the 24th "June last; the Sum of Fifty Dollars was received for dues "and One Hundred Dollars, a Donation from the Lodge for "building or purchasing a Lodge Room, and the Grand Lodge "were pleased to testify their approbation of the proceedings "and their acknowledgment for the Donation, and Bro. P. Le "Barbier Duplessis, the Proxy of the said Lodge, has for- "warded them a Copy of the proceedings."

"Your Committee further Report, that the Lodge La Re- "union des Cœurs Franco Americains, No. 47, at Port Repub- "licain, in the Island of St. Domingo by their Communication, "dated December 6, 5799, after repeating the Assurances of

"their respect and Brotherly Affection towards the R. W. "Grand Lodge, inform that owing to the Circumstances of "the Colony they were obliged for several Months to suspend "their works, after which Time they did resume them; that "they cannot transmit the Account of their Works, nor of the "motives which induced them to suspend them, nor the "amount of their annual dues, adding that they will forward "them as soon as the whole is prepared. They crave the con-"tinuance of the good will of the Grand Lodge, which they "flatter themselves they have never ceased to deserve. They "recommend Bro. Gettin, One of their Members, whóm we "find to have been taken and carried to Jamaica."

"In their subsequent Communication, the Lodge sincerely "lament the loss of our Illustrious Bro. George Washington "and partake of the general sorrow his Death has caused, not "only to Masons but to all who knew him; they send an Ex-"tract of their proceedings of the 17th of the 11 Month, 5799 "(11 January, 1800,) whereby it appears that on that Day, "they met with a Considerable number of other Brethren, to "render a funeral Honour to the Memory of our most Illus-"trious and well beloved, late Brother George Washington, "late President of the United States, &c. The Lodge was "beautifully prepared in a manner suitable to the Grand "Occasion, and the Ceremonies were performed agreeably to "usage amongst Ancient Masons and Bro. Bedens, Orator of "the Lodge, delivered an Oration which met the general ap-"probation and Copies whereof will be forwarded as soon as "printed. The Lodge repeat the same particulars as in the "preceding Communications."

"The return of their Members accompanying the last Com-"munications, states Fifty One Members whose Civil qualities "and Masonic abilities promise a speedy increase of Ancient "Masonry in the Island of St. Domingo. Philada., December "1st, 5800. (Sign'd) P. L. Barbier Duplessis, James Milnor, "Committee." On Motion, so much of the said Report as respects Foreign Lodges was accepted.

A Petition from Hiram Lodge, No. 81, held at Germantown, praying for permission to hold a Procession on St. John's Day

next, was read, and permission granted agreeably to the prayer of the Petition.

This being the Evening appointed by the Bye Laws for holding the Election of Officers, the Grand Lodge now proceeded to the Election when the following Brethren were duly elected Officers for the ensuing Year commencing on St. John's Day next, viz:

Bro^r. Jonathan Bayard Smith, re-elected R. W. G. Master.
" Israel Israel, re-elected R. W. D. G. M.
" James Milnor, re-elected R. W. S. G. W.
" John W. Van Cleve, elected R. W. J. G. W.
" George A. Baker, re-elected R. W. G. Secr^y.
" Gavin Hamilton, re-elected R. W. G. Treas^r.

Bro^rs. Duplessis, Milnor and Van Cleve were appointed the Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

Bro^rs. S. Israel, Hennessy and Ferguson were appointed a Committee to settle the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's Accounts.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro^r. Grand Treasurer purchase Two Tickets in the St. Augustine Church Lottery and Two in the Delaware Bridge Lottery for Account of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee appointed on the 2nd June last, on the Appeal of Bro^r. Ebenezer Ferguson from a decision of Lodge No. 52, made their Report, which was read and is in the words following, to wit: "The Committee of the Grand Lodge appointed to consider and Report on the Appeal of Brother "Ebenezer Ferguson from a determination of Lodge No. 52 "respecting a dispute between him and Bro. William Robinson, beg leave to report: That from the Documents which "have come under the notice of the Committee it appears that "Bro. Ferguson, a Member of No. 19, Petitioned Lodge No. 52, "complaining of the Conduct of Bro^r. William Robinson, a "Member of the latter Lodge towards him. The charges were "principally founded on certain slanderous and injurious reports which the Complainant alledged Bro^r. Robinson had "circulated against him on the 1st January, 1800. A Committee was appointed to make the necessary Enquiry into

"the business and report thereon, and a Copy of the Resolu-
"tion appointing the Committee directed to be served on Bro^r.
"Robinson. On the 5th Febr^y., 1800, The Committee Reported
"in favour of the Complainant and recommended a Resolu-
"tion to the Lodge, ordering Bro. Robinson to make suitable
"Acknowledgments to the Lodge, and that he should be
"reprimanded from the Chair. The Consideration of the Re-
"port was postponed till the next Meeting, and Bro. Robinson
"ordered to be served with a Copy thereof; on the 5th of
"March, 1800, it was postponed again and on the 2nd April,
"1800, the Report was taken up and adopted. It was then
"moved that Bro. Robinson should make certain acknowledg-
"ments to Bro. Ferguson, but this Motion was postponed and
"a Motion carried to Appoint a Committee to effect a Com-
"promise of the differences between the Brethren in an ad-
"joining Room. The Committee Reported that they could
"not effect an accommodation and recommended a Postpone-
"ment of the business till next meeting, and that Bro. Robin-
"son furnish his defense in writing and a Copy of the Report
"be delivered him. On the 7th of May, the business was
"taken up and postponed till the following Wednesday, being
"the 14th May, 1800, when it was Resolved, that the Lodge be
"discharged from the further Consideration of the business of
"Bro. Robinson and Ferguson, on Account of its being of a
"Nature entirely belonging to the civil Authority.

"The Committee of the Grand Lodge are of Opinion that
"this last resolution of Lodge N°. 52 was improper, and that
"the complaint preferred by Bro. Ferguson against Bro. Rob-
"inson, was a proper subject for their Consideration and de-
"cision. They therefore recommend the following resolution:
"Resolved, That the Resolution of Lodge N°. 52, passed on
"the 14th of May last dismissing the complaint of Bro. Fer-
"guson against Bro. Robinson from the further Consideration
"of said Lodge be rescinded, and that the Grand Secretary
"inform them of this Resolution. Novr. 29, 1800. (Signed)
"James Milnor, Jno. W. Van Cleve, Jno. Johnston." Which
Report and Resolution were Adopted and Bro^r. Grand Secre-
tary was directed to furnish Lodge N°. 52 with a Copy
thereof.

Information was given to the G. L. that there are some irregularities in the Works of One of the Lodges in Chester County; Bro^r. Grand Secretary was directed to make enquiry in order to learn what Lodge it is, and to write to them respecting it.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 10 o'clock, P. M., to to-morrow Evening at 6 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 2nd December, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, (former Grand Officer,) in the Chair, neither the G. M., D. G. M. or G. Wardens being present.

" Andrew Nilson, S. G. W., pro Temp.
" George Morton, J. G. W., pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Kenneth Jewell, S. G. Deacon, p. T.
" Thomas Hennessy, J. G. Deacon, p. T.
" William Snyder, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 41, 47, 52, 59, 68, 74 and 77 represented.

Ten Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

There being but few Members present, Grand Lodge did not proceed to business, And Adjourned in Harmony at 8 o'clock to Monday, the 15th Instant, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th December, Anno Lucis 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, R. W. D. G. Master, pro Temp.
" James Milnor, S. G. Warden.
" John Johnston, J. G. Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Hennessy, S. G. D., pro Temp.
" Ebenezer Fergusen, J. G. D., pro Temp.
" William Snyder, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 71, 74, 77 and 81 represented.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the Meetings of the 1st and 2nd Instant, were read.

A Petition in the French Language from divers Brethren was received, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at the Cape in the Island of St. Domingo, and that Bro. Francois Ignace Lestrade may be named Master; Lewis Huguenet, S.W., and Thomas Caignon, J. W. of the same, and that the said Lodge may be named Lodge Les Freres Re-unis, which being duly recommended by Lodge No. 47, held at Port Republican, according to the Regulations of this G. L., Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be Numbered 87.

A request was made by Lodge No. 81, that instead of holding their procession on St. John's Day, (as allowed by this Grand Lodge on the 1st Instant,) they may be permitted to hold the same on New Year's Day, which was granted.

The following Returns, &c., were received, to wit:

Return of Members of Lodge No. 5, returning 19 Members and the Rejection of A—— L—— and J—— C——. Their

Account of Grand Lodge Dues up to St. John's Day Amounting to Dolls. 17.12.

Lodge No. 11. Return of Members up to June last, returning 30 Members and returning the Expulsion of T—— E——, and Rejection of W—— McC——. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to June, amounting to Ds. 47.13.

Lodge No. 19. Notification of the Suspension of J—— B—— on the 18 September last. A Petition, (from Lodge No. 19,) stating divers difficulties they labour under and praying for an allowance to be made in their Grand Lodge dues, which Petition was referr'd to Bros. Duplessis, Armstrong, Morton, McKaraher and Johnston to report thereon.

Lodge No. 43. A Petition from said Lodge, stating by reason of their having erected a building for a Lodge, their Funds have been exhausted and they have been rendered unable to discharge their Grand Lodge dues and praying to be exonerated from the payment of the same, which was referr'd to the above named Committee on the Petition of Lodge No. 19 to report thereon.

Lodge No. 45. Return of Members up to June last, returning 38 Ms., and the Expulsions of J—— W——, T—— G——, A—— F——, J—— I——, R—— C——, J—— C——, J—— H——, G—— S——, A—— K——, J—— M——; and the Rejections of C—— C——, S—— W——, T—— W——, E—— McC——. Election Return of June last, returning Nathaniel Bedford, Mr.; James Kerwin, S. W.; George Robinson, J. W.; Andrew Richardson, Secretary; Hugh Scott, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 47. Account of Grand Lodge dues Amounting to Ds. $95\frac{34}{100}$. Bro. Duplessis, Proxy of No. 47, informed the G. L. that he had received a Bill on New York for 96 Dolls., which money when receiv'd by him, he should apply to the discharge of the above Account.

Lodge No. 48. Return of Members up to September last, returning 7 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to December, 1799, Amounting to Dolls. 34.85.

Lodge No. 52. Notification of the Expulsion of J—— H—— for Non Payment of dues.

Lodge N°. 55. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to December, 1799, Amounting to D^s. 111.13. Petition from said Lodge, stating among other Things that they have it in contemplation to erect a suitable Lodge in Huntingdon, but that if the Grand Lodge dues are demanded from them, it will put it out of their power; Therefore, praying a remission of their dues and promising punctuality in the future payment of dues, Which Petition was referr'd to the Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodge N°. 19 to report thereon.

Lodge N°. 67. Notification of the Expulsion of A—— L Du C—— and R—— J——, for Non Payment of dues. Notification of the Stated Meeting of said Lodge being altered from the Fourth Saturday to the Second and Fourth Friday in every Month.

Lodge N°. 69. Election Return of Officers, commencing S^t. John's Day next, returning Preston Eyre, M^r.; Joseph Engle, S. W.; John Saffer, J. W.; Edward Engle, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 70. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to Decem^r., 1799. A Letter from said Lodge containing a Resolution of 30th September last, Appointing Bro^r. Baker to represent them in this Grand Lodge. A Copy of the Bye Laws of said Lodge, which were referr'd to Bro. I. Israel, Griffith and McKaraher to examine and Report thereon.

Lodge N°. 74. Return of Members, returning 15 Members up to December, 1799. Accounts of Grand Lodge Dues up to same period.

Lodge N°. 77. An Address from said Lodge, accompanying their Election Return of June last, returning F^s. Th^s. Mallet, M^r.; Etienne Maingot, S. W.; Valentine De Basanta, J. W.; Nicholas Piche, Secretary; Gaspard Lamy Thuet, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 42 Members.

The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, read on the 1st Instant, was now taken into Consideration and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, read in part on the 1st Instant, was now taken up and

read and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Letter from the G. Secr^y. of the G. Lodge of Connecticut, enclosing a Copy of the Bye Laws, &c., of said Grand Lodge, read on the 1st Instant, was taken up and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing the proceedings of the said Grand Lodge of 22nd, 23^d and 24th June last, read the 1st Instant, was taken up and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia read the 1st Instant, was taken up and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence on divers Communications referr'd to them, read on the 1st Instant, and whereof, so much as respects Foreign Lodges was then accepted, was again read and the remainder thereof accepted.

On Motion, The Committee appointed on the 24th June last, on the request made by Lodge N°. 31 to be exonerated from the payment of their Grand Lodge dues to that Time, in Consideration of their having supported Brother Ghislin, were discharged, and the business referr'd to the Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodge N°. 19, to examine and report thereon.

The following Motion was made and Seconded: Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Fees allowed to Bro. G^d. Sec^ry. are not adequate to the Trouble he has and Time he is obliged to spend in attending to the Duties of his Office. That the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars be allowed to him as a Compensation for his past services since Four Years he has been elected, And that for the Time to come he shall be allowed the yearly Sum of One Hundred Dollars over and above the Fees allowed him by the Regulations of the G^d. Lodge, to commence from S^t. John's Day next.

Ordered to lie on the Table to S^t. John's Day.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That it is indispensable

that a discrimination be made between the General and Charity Funds of the Grand Lodge, which has been neglected since several years. That Two Thirds of the Monies which shall be found to belong to the Grand Lodge up to the 27th instant shall be considered as constituting the General Fund, and the other Third as constituting the Charity Fund, and that from and after the said 27th instant, One Third only of the Monies received for the use of the Grand Lodge shall be applicable and subject to the Order of the Grand Committee of Charity.

On Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That Bro. Grand Treasurer be Authorized and Empowered by the Advice and Consent of the R. W. Grand Master to vest the Monies which are now in his Hands belonging to the General Fund in some productive Fund for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that the same shall be done at the Expiration of each and every year after the settlement of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary's accounts.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to St. John's Day next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, Philadelphia, Saturday, 27th December, A. L. 5800.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand General Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. D. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John Johnston, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Samuel Townsend, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 12, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77 and 81 represented.

Twenty Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the Election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon, the Grand Officers elect were severally Installed into their respective Offices, to wit:

Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. G. Treasurer, and proclaimed and saluted according to Ancient Form and Usage.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Johnston, Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev^d. Bro^r. Doct^r. John Andrews, Grand Chaplain.
Bro^r. Samuel Israel, } Grand Stewards.
" Samuel Passy, }
" Andrew Nilson, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor, Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Town, }
" Robert Jackson, } Room Committee.
" William Nelson, }

The following Brethren were appointed recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary, to wit:

Bro^r. John W. Van Cleve for the Northern Liberties,
Bro^r. Israel Israel for the City,
and Bro^r. William Nelson for Southwark.

Brother Ebenezer Ferguson who was appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication, a Member of the Committee of Accounts, having at the Time been a Member of this Grand Lodge in Virtue of his then filling the Office of S. W. in Lodge N°. 19, but his Membership having since ceased by

reason of his not having been re-elected S. W. of Lodge No. 19 and consequently his place in the said Committee become Vacant. Therefore, Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis was now appointed on said Committee in the Room of Bro^r. Ferguson.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of England of 3rd September last, containing a List of the Names of their Grand Officers, &c., was read and Bro. Grand Secretary directed to Acknowledge the Receipt of the same

The Grand Officers are

Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother William Dickey, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Robert Gill, Senior Grand Warden.

R. W. Brother William Burwood, Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. Brother Robert Leslie, Grand Secretary.

R. W. Brother Thomas Harper, Deputy Grand Secretary.

R. W. W^m. Comerford Clarkson, Grand Treasurer.

The Lodges were called on to present their Returns, Whereupon, the following Returns were received, to wit:

Lodge No. 2. Election Return, returning Bro^r. George A. Baker, W. Master; Bro^r. Robert Pullen, Senior Warden; Bro^r. Joseph Burden, Junior Warden; Bro^r. John Phillips, Secretary. Return of Members, returning 35 Members, and Communicating the Expulsion of J—— J——, J—— G—— and M—— C——. Account of Grand Lodge dues to this Day.

Lodge No. 3. Election Return, returning Bro^r. James Milnor, W. Master; Bro^r. Ezekiel Howell, Senior Warden; Bro^r. Jesse Grove, Junior Warden; Bro^r. Samuel Israel, Secretary; Bro^r. Caleb Hughes, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 9. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Andrew Nilson, W. Master; Bro^r. Joseph Campbell, Senior Warden; Bro^r. William Wray, Junior Warden; Bro^r. James Wilkins, Secretary; Bro^r. Thomas Cave, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 19. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Kenneth Jewell, W. Master; Bro^r. Alexander R. Coxe, Senior

Warden; Bro^r. Robert Henry Dunkin, Junior Warden; Bro^r. Samuel Hampton, Secretary; Bro^r. Frederick Erringer, Treasurer. Return of Members. Account of Grand Lodge Dues.

Lodge N°. 59. Election Return, returning Bro^r. John Ward, W. Master; Bro^r. John P. Hood, Senior Warden; Bro^r. William McCullagh, Junior Warden; Bro^r. William Allibone, Junr., Secretary; Bro^r. John Pragers, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 60. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Charles Wheeler, W. Master; Bro^r. Israel Gregg, Senior Warden; Bro^r. George Manypenny, Junior Warden; Bro^r. John M^cC. Heslip, Secretary; Bro^r. John Christmas, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning the Expulsion of N—— B——, and the Rejection of J—— D——, H—— W——, T—— W——, F—— G—— and N—— C——. Also, a Letter from said Lodge dated 1st Instant, stating that they had built a Stone Lodge and had had several unexpected pecuniary disappointments, therefore begging some further indulgence from the Grand Lodge for the payment of their Grand Lodge dues, expecting they will have it in their power to discharge them in a short time.

Lodge N°. 61. Two Letters from Bro^r. Schott, M^r. of Lodge N°. 61, each dated 16 Instant were read. One had enclosed Five Dollars and the other Ten Dollars, which Bro^r. Grand Secretary paid over to Bro^r. Grand Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 67. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Passey, W. Master; Bro^r. Joseph Cloud, Senior Warden; Bro^r. Sebastian Voigt, Junior Warden; Bro^r. Lodewyck Sharpe, Secretary; Bro^r. Adam Eckfeldt, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 73. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Esqr., W. Master; Bro^r. Edward George, Senior Warden; Bro^r. Thomas Badaraque, Junior Warden; Bro^r. Augustus Belin, Secretary; Bro^r. Charles N. D. Gervais, Treasurer.

Lodge N°. 75. Election Return, returning Bro^r. Samuel Townsend, W. Master; Bro^r. Caleb Jones, Senior Warden; Bro^r. Robert Kirkpatrick, Junior Warden; Bro^r. Stephen Jones, Secretary; Bro^r. Jacob Landis, Treasurer. Return of Members.

Lodge N$^{o.}$ 81. Election Return, returning Bro$^{r.}$ John Sellers, W. Master; Bro$^{r.}$ David Couden, Senior Warden; Bro$^{r.}$ Francis Shallus, Junior Warden; Bro$^{r.}$ Thomas Norton, Secretary; Bro$^{r.}$ Anthony Hergesheimer, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 17 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues. An Additional Section to their Bye Laws, which was referr'd to Bro$^{rs.}$ I. Israel, Griffith and McKaraher to examine and Report thereon.

Bro$^{r.}$ Grand Treasurer informed the Grand Lodge that in Compliance with a Resolution of the 1st Instant, he had purchased for Account of the Grand Lodge, Two Tickets N$^{o.}$ 3955 and 3956 in the S$^{t.}$ Augustine Church Lottery, and Two Tickets N$^{o.}$ 6415 and 6416 in the Delaware Bridge Lottery.

Resolved, That the R. W. the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary for the Time being, or as many of them as by the Constitution and Rules of the Philadelphia Dispensary, are allowed a Vote in the Institution in Virtue of the Subscription made by this Grand Lodge, be Authorized to Represent and Act for and in behalf of the Grand Lodge at all meetings of the Contributors to said Institution.

The Resolution proposed at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge respecting the Compensation to be allowed to the Grand Secretary was Unanimously agreed to, with an amendment that the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars per annum, instead of One Hundred Dollars per annum be allowed to him for his Extra Services, to commence this Day.

The Minutes were then read, and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Account of Charity dispensed by the Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge and the Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia, in the Year now past ending this Day, Viz:

Committee of Charity. . . .	Doll^s. 155.71
Lodge N°. 2	36.
Lodge N°. 3	50.
Lodge N°. 9	34.25
Lodge N°. 19	170.
Lodge N°. 51	
Lodge N°. 52	62.41
Lodge N°. 59	70.
Lodge N°. 67	45.
Lodge N°. 71	10.
Lodge N°. 72	90.
Lodge N°. 73	1049.87
Total	Doll^s. 1773.24

Lodge N°. 70, held at Tyogo Point, Luzerne County, expended in Charity this Year, Doll^s. 18.22½.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2nd March, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" William Ball, Esqr., former R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Johnston, Junior Grand Deacon.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 74 and 77 represented.

Fourteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly, Adjourned and General Communications were read.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia of 27th December last was read.

A Notification of the Expulsion of J—— C——, Victualler, from Lodge No. 2 was read.

The following Returns of Lodges were received and read, Viz:

Lodge No. 5. Election Return, returning William Lindsey, W. Mr.; John Merritt, S. W.; Jacob Streets, J. W.; Dennis I. Nowland, Secretary; William Bradford, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 19. Notification of Bro. J—— B——, who some time since was suspended, having been expelled on the 15th January.

Lodge No. 52. Election Return, returning Samuel Benezet, W. Mr.; John Hutchinson, S. W.; Joseph Clunn, J. W.; William Hewson, Secretary; John Gosslin, Treasurer. Return of Members up to St. John's Day last, returning 14 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues from June 1791 to St. John's Day, amounting to Ds. 78.63.

Lodge No. 45. Election Return, returning Hugh Scott, Worshipful Master; George Robinson, Senior Warden; James Martin, Junior Warden; Andrew Richardson, Secretary; Thomas Baird, Treasurer. Certificate that no Alteration took place in the Lodge since last return.

Lodge No. 51. Return of Members complete from the commencement to St. John's Day last.

Lodge No. 55. Letter from Bro. John Cadwallader, Treasurer of said Lodge, respecting their Grand Lodge dues.

Lodge No. 59. Return of Members up to St. John's Day.

Lodge No. 61. Election Return, returning John P. Schott, W. M.; Eleazar Blackman, S. W.; John Rosecrans, J. W.; Jesse Fell, Secretary; James Campbell, Treasurer. Return of Members to St. John's Day last, returning P—— F—— Suspended. Account of Grand Lodge dues. Representation respecting their Grand Lodge dues, and a Resolution of said Lodge of 1st December last, Resolving that the funds of that Lodge will not admit of the Subscribing towards the building a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia.

Lodge No. 70. Election Return, returning Joseph Kingsbury, W. M.; Elisha Satterlee, S. W.; William W. Spalding, J. W.; David Paine, Secretary; Edward Scofield, Treasurer. Return of Members up to St. John's Day. Account of Grand Lodge dues up to same Time. A Letter from the Secretary of said Lodge dated 4th February, which had enclosed 30 Dollars and which was paid over to Brother Grand Treasurer; and a Letter from Bro^r. Arnold Colt, dated 5 Jan^y., enclosing 25 Dollars on Account the Cost of the Warrant of said Lodge, which money was paid to Bro^r. Grand Treasurer.

Lodge No. 71. Election Return, returning William Moony, W. M.; Hugh Tearney, S. W.; Andrew Montgomery, J. W.; John Scott, Secretary; John Thompson, Treasurer.

Lodge No. 72. Election Return, returning Christian Sheetz, W. M.; Joseph Blame, S. W.; Anthony Steel, J. W.; Henry Rees, Treasurer; Patrick E. Wheelan, Secretary.

Lodge No. 76. Return of Members up to December 1799. Account of Grand Lodge dues to same period. A Letter from the Secretary of said Lodge dated 2nd December last, accompanying said Returns, mentioning that £8. 11. 1 was sent by Bro^r. Abraham Loughridge, on Account of their Grand Lodge dues, but which has not come to the Grand Secretary's Hands.

Lodge No. 78. Return (endorsed on Dispensation) from Bro^r. Absalom Baird, of his having duly Installed the Officers of said Lodge on the 21st May, 1799.

Lodge No. 80. Election Return, returning Andrew Charles, W. M.; John Charles, S. W.; John McMullen, J. W.; James M. Chesney, Secretary; Alexander McClevey, Treasurer. Return of Members up to St. John's Day last, returning the Expulsion of W—— W——. Account of Grand Lodge dues to same period.

A Petition of Bro^r. James McChesny, of Lodge No. 80 was read, together with the following Documents which accompanied the same, Viz:

A Resolution of Lodge No. 21 at Harrisburg, of 3rd September last, respecting a complaint made by Bro^r. Robert McChesney against Bro^r. John Irwin.

Certificate from sundry Members of Lodge N°. 21, respecting the good Character of Margaret McChesney, dated the 15th January last.

Copy of Record. Commonwealth vs. John Irwin. December Session, 1800. Dauphin County said Petition states a complaint against said Bro^r. John Irwin, and prays this Grand Lodge to take the same into Consideration and grant impartial justice.

A Letter from the Secretary of Lodge N°. 81 was read, stating that said Lodge labours under considerable embarassments, which it appears they are desirous should be communicated to the different Lodges in the City.

A Return (endorsed on Dispensation,) from Bro^r. Alexander Johnston of his having duly Installed the Officers of Lodge N°. 84, on the 5th January last, was read.

A Petition from Mary Gifford, (Wife of Thomas Gifford, formerly a Member of Lodge N°. 59, now Impress'd on board a British Vessel of War,) praying for some relief was read. On Consideration, the Sum of Ten Dollars was granted and an Order was drawn on the Grand Treasurer for said Sum in favour of Bro^r. Griffith for her use.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Lodges N°. 19, 31, 43 and 55 made their Report, which was read.

The Committee of Correspondence made their Report on the Communications from the Grand Lodges of Ireland, Connecticut, Quebec, Georgia and Maryland, which was read.

The Committee appointed on the Bye Laws of Lodges N°. 3, 9, 70, 80 and 81 made their Report, which was read.

Bro^rs. Israel and Hennessy having withdrawn from the Lodges they were Members of, their places in the Committee of Accounts became vacant. Bro^rs. Van Cleve and Johnston were now appointed in their places.

Bro^r. Pullen was appointed Steward in the room of Bro^r. S. Israel, withdrawn.

Whereas, it is probable that some of the delinquent Lodges have not received the Resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 21st April last, respecting the payment of their Grand Lodge dues, as no Returns have been received from them in conse-

quence thereof, Therefore, On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That in consideration thereof the Grand Lodge suspend the effect of the said Resolution of the 21st April until St. John's Day in June next, and that Brother Grand Secretary forward a Duplicate of said Resolution to such delinquent Lodges, and inform them that unless their dues are discharged on or before that Day, this Grand Lodge will then carry the aforesaid Resolution into effect.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in the present Month, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th March, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" William Ball, Esq., R. W. Past Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esq., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esq., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel Passy, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Henry Barnes, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, and 77 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Petition of Ann Molan, Widow of John Molan, praying for Assistance was read. On Consideration, leave was granted her to withdraw said Petition.

A Letter from Mrs. Rachel Collings, dated Bridgetown, New

Jersey, 15th February last, directed to Bro^r. Thomas Proctor, was read; it stated her distresses and prayed Assistance from the Brotherhood. On Consideration, it was referr'd to the Committee of Charity.

A Communication from Lodge N°. 2, informing of a rejection by N°. 2 of Bro^r. D—— I—— who had applied to become a Member of that Lodge.

The following proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was received and read, to wit:

"At a General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, "held in the City of Philadelphia, January 14th, 1801.

"Present:

"The R^t. W^l. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esqr., Grand Master, "&c., &c., &c.

"On motion and Seconded, Resolved Unanimously, That "in compliance with the Regulations of the R. W. Grand "Lodge, and of this Grand Chapter, no Candidate shall be "exalted in any Chapter held under the Warrant of the R. W. "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and under the Jurisdiction "of this Grand Chapter, unless there is annexed to his Petition "a Certificate under the Hands of the W^l. Master and Officers "of the Lodge in which such Petitioner shall have passed the "Chair, and Countersigned by the Secretary, with the Seal of "the said Lodge, or a Certificate from the Grand Secretary, "setting forth that the Petitioner is a regular Past Master, "having served as Master of such a Lodge, or having passed "the Chair by Dispensation from the R. W. Grand Master. "Sojourners, and not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, "to be admitted agreeably to the XI Article of the Rules and "Regulations of this Grand Chapter as heretofore.

"A true extract from the Minutes.

"P. Lebarbier Duplessis, G. S."

"Special General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, "February 21st, 5801.

"Present:

"The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., Grand "Master, &c., &c., &c.

"A H. R. A. Chapter was opened according to Ancient "Forms, and the M. E. Grand Chief informed the Chapter "that he had convened the Companions for the purpose of "receiving the Report of the Committee appointed on the "18th of December last, to make the necessary Enquiries con- "cerning certain proceedings in the H. R. A. Chapter, No. "52, wherein Bro^r. Collins had been Exalted, though he were "not a regular Past Master, which report was presented, read "and unanimously adopted, as follows, to wit:

"To the Most Excellent General Grand Chapter of the Holy "Royal Arch of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee appointed to make the necessary En- "quiries concerning the proceedings of the H. R. A. Chapter, "held under the Warrant of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, and "empowered to demand and examine the Minutes Book of "the said Chapter; also, to visit the H. R. A. Chapters held "in the city of Philadelphia, beg leave to report:

"That in compliance with their appointment they have "demanded of Comp^n. Cadwallader Griffith, the First Chief "of the aforesaid Chapter, their Minutes Book, which was "brought by Comp. Franklin, their Scribe, in Company with "the said Comp. Griffith, to the house of Comp. William Nel- "son, one of your Committee, on the 13th of January last, "when your Committee did carefully examine the said Min- "utes Book, from which they have made the following Ex- "tracts for the information of this M. E. Grand Chapter:

"Ap^l. 5th, 5799. Bro. Passey, Past Master of Lodge No. 67 "was Exalted.

"June 19. The Bye Laws of the Chapter were adopted. "The 7th Article is 'Every Brother who has not passed the "Chair shall pay 14 Dollars out of which the Dispensation "shall be paid for, if past the Chair, for being Exalted 8 "Dollars.'

"Art 13th is 'No Companion shall be considered a Mem- "ber of this Chapter or allowed to vote on any question un- "less he has complied with the 7th Article.'

"Jany. 27th, 1800. The Seventh Article of the Bye Laws "was confirmed.

"Febr^y. 19th. Bro. Neal, P. M. of N°. 2, was Exalted.
"Bro. Shee, P. M., D^o.
"Bro. Beal, A. M., M., D^o.

"March 19. Bro. Savage Stillwell, P. M. of N°. 52 was Ex-
"alted; also, Bro. Coyle, Ferguson, Jewell, Boucher of N^o.
"19, Rolph of N°. 51, Parris of N°. 67, and Ansom.

"Ap^l. 16. Bro. *Collins of N°. 52*, Arnold of N°. 67, P. M.,
"were exalted.

"June 18. Bro. Read was exalted.

"Augt. 20th. William Anderson of the Borough of Chester
"was exalted.

"Novr. 19. Charles Cummings, Henry Sharp and Christian
"Anderson, P. M. of N°. 67, were exalted.

"Decr. 17. Bro. W^m. A. Foster, P. M. of N°. 51, Abram
"Cohen of N°. 67 and *John Vanest* of N°. 52, were exalted.

"Your Committee do further Report, that Comp. Cadwal-
"lader Griffith did declare to them that he always understood
"that all the Candidates who were admitted in the said Chap-
"ter were regular Past Masters; your Committee have found
"by the declaration of Comp. Morton, W^l. Master of Harmony
"Lodge, N°. 52, that Bro^s. Collins and Vannest had been
"passed the Chair without having been duly elected W^l. Mas-
"ters of said Lodge, and without having previously obtained
"Dispensations from the R. W. Grand Master, which was done
"by the Unanimous Vote of the Lodge, under the Idea that
"the new Regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge, not ex-
"pressly or pointedly forbidding the passing of a Brother to
"the Chair, they could do it without the requisites aforesaid.
"They find, also, that the said Lodge N°. 52, convinced of
"their mistake, have applied to the R. W. Grand Master for
"Dispensations to pass the Chair the Brothers aforesaid,
"*Collins and Vannest*, which was granted, whereby the mis-
"take acknowledged was rectified as far as Circumstances
"could allow.

"Your Committee are of Opinion That the resolution of
"this G^d. Chapter, at their last meeting, on the Fourteenth of
"January, is fully adequate to preventing in future any
"Brother being admitted in any Chapter without having

"complied with the aforesaid indispensable requisites. They "are also of Opinion that the present Report and the Resolu- "tion aforesaid be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge, "praying them to give to the private Lodges such directions "concerning the passing of the Chair as will effectually pre- "vent the effects of any further wrong interpretation of their "Regulations by removing any Doubt in the mind of the "Brethren, especially as your Committee were informed that "other Lodges had already passed several Brethren to the "Chair contrary to the Regulations aforesaid and the Con- "stant and well-known practice of the Craft.

"Your Committee will take the earliest opportunity to visit "the Chapters, agreeably to their appointment.

"Philad^a., Febr^y. 16, 5801.

"P. Lebarbier Duplessis,
"Thomas Town,
"William Nelson."

"On Motion and Seconded Comp. Grand Scribe was directed "to transmit to the R. W. Grand Lodge, a Copy of the said "Report and of the Resolution alluded to.

"A true Extract from the Minutes,
"P. Le Barbier Duplessis, G. S."

Which said Resolution was agreed to.

Whereas, some of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, contrary to the regulations thereof and the constant and well known practice of the Craft in Pennsylvania, have of late passed Brethren to the Chair without having been duly elected W^l. Masters of said Lodges and without having obtained Dispensations from the R. W. Grand Master for the purpose: Therefore, on Motion and Seconded, Resolved, That no Brother can be passed the Chair without One or the other of the above requisites.

The Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia read the 2nd Instant was again read and ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge. It contained a list of the Names of the Grand Officers for the present Year, being

Bro^r. Duncan Clark, Esqr., M. D., R. W. Grand Master.
" John Bremner, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Clarke, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Charles Morris, Junr., Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" John Selby, Gent^n., R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John William Schwartz, Esqr., R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Also a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, being Twenty in Number. It communicated the Death of their late R. W. Grand Master, Bro^r. Richard Bulkeley, Esqr., on the 7th December last, in the 84th Year of his Age, and it communicated the following Expulsions, to wit: R—— A——, from Lodge N°. 7; J—— L——, from Lodge N°. 9; J—— V— W——, from Lodge N°. 25.

The Representation from Lodge N°. 61, respecting their Grand Lodge dues and praying to be exonerated from the payment of the dues of certain Absentees which was read the 2nd Instant, was again read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Bro^r. James McChesney, together with the Documents accompanying the same, read the 2nd Instant, was again read and referr'd to Bro^rs. Van Cleve, Hamilton and Proctor, to examine and Report thereon.

The Letter from the Secretary of Lodge N°. 81 read on the 2nd Instant, was again read and leave granted to withdraw the same.

The Report of the Committee appointed on the Petitions of Lodges N°. 19, 31, 43 and 55, read on the 2nd Instant, was again read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania: The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions
"of Lodges N°. 19, 31, 43 and 55, praying the Grand Lodge
"would remit their dues, under different pretences, beg leave
"to Report, that they have considered the said Applications,
"and are of Opinion that agreeably to the regulations of the
"Grand Lodge the Dues should be paid annually, and are the
"only support of the Grand Lodge; that the payment thereof
"should not be dispensed with but under very Special Cir-
"cumstances, which is not the case in either of the present

"applications. Your committee is conscious that every Lodge "should contribute in the same manner to the support of the "Grand Lodge, and such a precedent, once established, would "not only materially injure the Funds of the Grand Lodge, "but be considered by many Lodges as a sufficient reason for "making such applications, from Time to Time.

"Your committee are sensible that the present peculiar "situation of the Grand Lodge is owing to want of punctuality "of the Lodges in the payment of their Annual dues, which "if regularly paid would have enabled the Grand Lodge to "purchase or build a suitable place for their meeting and of "the several Lodges in this City, whereby the advancement "and respectability of the Craft would be much promoted.

"Your committee beg leave to recommend that such Time "should be granted to the delinquent Lodges as their par-"ticular Cases may be found to deserve.

"Philad^a., March 2, 5801.

"P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
"Daniel McKaraher,
"Jno. Johnston."

Which Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee of Correspondence on divers Communications referred to them, read on the 2nd Instant, was again read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-"vania: The Committee of Correspondence to whom were "referred the Communications from the R. W. Grand Lodges "of Ireland, Connecticut, Quebec, Georgia and Maryland, beg "leave to Report, that they have Considered the said 'Com-"munications, from which they have made the following Ex-"tracts:

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland mention the Establishment "of an Orphan School for the Maintenance and Education of "the Female Children of Deceased Brethren, express a warm "desire to cultivate Correspondence with this Grand Lodge, "communicate the Grief they have felt on the intelligence of "Bro^r. Washington's Death and their resolution to insert on "their Minutes the Address delivered on the Occasion by our "R. W. Grand Master.

"The Grand Lodge of Connecticut transmit a Copy of their "Bye Laws in which there appears nothing essential to be "noted except the following Rules:

"No Warrant is allowed until the Master elect has been "examined as to his Masonic Knowledge by the Grand Lodge "or a Committee by them appointed, and the Senior and "Junior Wardens are also to be examined by the Officers of "some Neighbouring Lodge and Reported to be duly qual-"ified."

"A Penalty of Eight Dollars is imposed on each Lodge not "represented at the Quarterly Communications and a penalty "of Five Dollars on each Lodge omitting at the proper "period to make its Return to the Grand Lodge."

"The Grand Lodge of Quebec Acknowledge the Receipt "of our Communication of the 26th of December, 5799.

"Their Communication contains an Address from the "R. W. G. Lodge to his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, "on his recent and safe Arrival at Halifax, expressing their "wishes that he would again condescend to become their "Chief; also His Royal Highness's Answer and consent that "his Name remain still at their head, recommending the "Election of such a Person to the situation of Deputy Grand "Master as shall be well qualified from Masonic Knowledge, "Mildness of Temper and Clearness of Judgment to succeed "to their late Worthy and much lamented Bro^r. Major Ham-"ilton whose Death, His R. Highness had been pleased to "announce to the Brethren in a Letter to Bro^r. Lindsay, "G. Secretary."

"The Grand Lodge of Georgia Acknowledge the Receipt "of the Communication of Our Grand Lodge on the subject "of the proposition from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina "for the establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge, &c., "disapproving the same, and of an Oration commemorative "of the Virtues and greatness of General Washington, deliv-"ered before the Grand Lodge on the 22^d of February, 5800, "by D^r. Magaw.

"They transmit their proceedings on Two Communications "from the G. Lodge of South Carolina, and are of Opinion

"'that the Measure proposed is at present inexpedient if not "impracticable from the distance the different Lodges are "from each other.' They mention that the Grand Lodges of "Pennsylvania and Maryland objected to a similar proposi- "tion made by the Grand Lodge of Georgia in 5790, the "Reasons of whom are detailed in the Maryland Ahiman "Rezon; and they defer acting finally in the business at "present, or until in its operation, its practibility and utility "may be more clearly evinced.

"The Grand Lodge of Maryland transmit their proceedings "of June 22 and 24 last, containing a List of their New Offi- "cers and approving the Report of the Committee on the "Circular Letter from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, "dated June 24, 5799, who are of opinion 'That it is highly "improper and inexpedient to give their sanction to a Superin- "tending Grand Lodge with unlimited Powers, &c.;' also, the "following Resolutions: 1st. That the Grand Lodge do appoint "Three Delegates to represent them in a Convention to be "held in the City of Washington. 2nd. That the said Dele- "gates be empowered to Act upon all and every matter rela- "tive to the Craft for and in behalf of the G. Lodge, as soon "as Two Thirds of the Grand Lodges in the United States are "represented under the following restrictions:

"That the proceedings of the said Convention shall not be "binding, unless ratified by at least Two Thirds of the Mem- "bers of that Grand Lodge, &c.

"The Committee appointed are the Rt. Wl. William "Thomas, G. M., R. W. Gabriel Christie, Senior Grand War- "den and Jesse Green, Junior Grand Warden.

"There is a List of Suspensions from the Returns of Sub- "ordinate Lodges.

"Philadelphia, March 2nd, 5801.

"P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
"James Milnor.
"Committee."

Which Report was Ordered to be deposited among the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Committee appointed on the Bye Laws

of Lodges N°. 3, 9, 70, 80 and 81, read on the 2nd Instant, was again read and is in the words following, to wit:

"The Committee appointed to examine the following Bye "Laws of N°. 3, 9, 70, 80 and 81, Report

"That they have attended to the Duty and find nothing "contrary to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania in N°. 3, 9 and 81, and Recommend that "they be approved of, and Recommend the following amend-"ment to Lodge N°. 70: to strike out the words in the 13th "Section *unless it shall otherwise be determined by the Voice of* "*the Lodge*, and in the 19th Section the words *Five Shillings* "and to insert in place thereof, *One Dollar;* and Recommend "the following amendment to Lodge N°. 80, to strike out in "Rule the 3rd., *Except in Case of Sickness, going abroad or Mis-*"*conduct.*"

"Philada., March 2nd, 5801.

"CADW. GRIFFITH,
"DANIEL McKARAHER."

Which Report was adopted.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th May, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., in the Chair, Pro Temp.
" Doct^r. Michael Leib, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
" John Uhle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Joseph Blaime, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72 and 77 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Master, Pro Temp., informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into Consideration Two Petitions which had been received, praying for Warrants for holding of Lodges in the Island of St. Domingo, Whereupon

A Petition from a number of Ancient York Masons, at St. Marc, in the Island of St. Domingo, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at St. Marc, aforesaid, to be called the Lodge "La Concorde," and that Bro^r. Jean Pierre Morel de Guiramond may be named Master; Jean Baptiste Gouley, Senior Warden, and Jean Baptiste Bernard Bacque, Junior Warden, was read, and the same being duly recommended by Lodge No. 47, held in Port Republican, according to the Regulations of this G. L., Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 88.

A Petition from a number of Ancient York Masons at Aux Cayes du fond de L'Isle à Vaches, in the Island of St. Domingo, praying for a Warrant to hold a Lodge at the said place, to be called the Lodge "Les Freres Sincerement Reunis," and that Bro^r. Augustin Sipfait de Moncour, may be named Master; Pierre Adrien du Peyrat, Senior Warden, and Louis Silvain Pigeon, Junior Warden, was read, and the same being duly recommended by Lodge No. 47, held at Port Republican, according to the Regulations of this Grand Lodge; Whereupon, on Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 89.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Brother Hamilton, Grand Treasurer, be directed to call on Bro^r. M^c-Elwee, late Grand Treasurer, for the Monies and Effects in his Hands of this Grand Lodge, and if any difficulty should arise

respecting the settlement which has been made of his Account, that in that Case the present Committee of Accounts, together with Bro^r. Milnor, proceed to re-examine and resettle his Accounts.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at Half past 12 o'clock.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th May, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Extra Grand Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esqr., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John Uhle, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Pro Temp.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" John Ward, Senior Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Samuel Passy, Junior Deacon, Pro Temp.
McCarthy, G. Pur^st.
Snyder, G. Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 59, 67, 68, 71 and 77 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened them for the purpose of laying before them a Petition from divers Brethren at New Orleans, praying for a Warrant for holding a Lodge at that place.

Said Petition was thereupon read; it prayed that a Warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge at New Orleans aforesaid, that Bro^r. Nicholas De Finiels might be named Master; Bro^r. Gaspard De Buys, Senior Warden, and Bro^r. Pierre Dulcide Barran, Junior Warden of the same, and that the Lodge might be named "Lodge La Candeur," and the

same being duly recommended according to the Regulations of this G. Lodge,

On Motion made and Seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a Warrant accordingly and that the same be Numbered 90.

The Minutes were read and Grand Lodge closed in Harmony at 9 o'clock P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st June, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Vancleve, Esqr., Junior Grand Warden.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esqr., R. W. Grand Secretary, P. T.
" Thomas Town, Senior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Samuel Passy, Junior Grand Deacon, P. T.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68 and 77 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the different Communications held since the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The following Returns, &c., of Lodges were received and read, to wit:

Lodge N°. 21. A Letter from said Lodge accompanying their Election Return of December last, returning William Connelly, W. M.; Adam Breaden, S. W.; Samuel Berryhill, J. W.; John Luther, Secretary; Andrew Lee, Treasurer.

Return of Members, returning 27 Members and returning the rejection of P—— D——.

Lodge N°. 33. Election Return of December last, returning John Bird, W. M^r.; John Crow, S. W.; John Smith, J. W.; Evan Thomas, Secretary; Archibald Alexander, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 30 Members, returning the rejection of W—— C——, Carpenter. Account of Grand Lodge Dues to December last, Amounting to $49.68.

Lodge N°. 67. Notification of the rejection of C—— J——.

Lodge N°. 68. Election Return of December, 1799, returning Isaac Craven, W. M.; Joseph Kinkead, S. W.; William Walton, J. W.; William Sterett, Secretary; Rozwell Doty, Treasurer. Return of Members, returning 21 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues to December last, Amounting to $20.8.

Lodge N°. 72. Return of Members to December last, returning 31 Members. Account of Grand Lodge dues to same period, amounting to $47.45.

Lodge N°. 78. Return of Members to December 1799, returning 12 Members.

A Letter from Bro^r. William P. Brady, W. M. of Lodge N°. 22, dated 20th Ultimo was read; it Acknowledged the receipt of the Resolutions of this Grand Lodge respecting Delinquent Lodges; stated that said Lodge was kept alternately Year about, in the Towns of Sunbury and Northumberland, and intimated his expectation that at their next meeting a settlement with the Grand Lodge would be made.

A Letter from Alexander Irvine, W. M. of Lodge N°. 56, dated 24th Ult°. was read; it represented that by reason of many calls on said Lodge from Distressed Brothers and Widows, their Funds were so low that it is not in their power to discharge their Grand Lodge Dues.

A Letter from Bro^r. John Paul Schott, W. M^r. of Lodge N°. 61, dated 19 Ult°. was read; it had enclosed 20 Dollars on Account their G. L. dues, (which was paid over to Bro^r. Grand Treasurer,) and communicated that Bro^r. Joseph Hitchcock, who was returned as Expelled, was erroneously returned so and is a Brother of good standing.

A communication from Lodge N°. 73 was received; it was accompanied with 7 Copies of divers Letters to and from said Lodge respecting the Oration delivered in said Lodge by Bro. Chaudron in Memory of our late Brother Washington.

Communications from the following Grand Lodges were read, viz:

From the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

From the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

From the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

From the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

From the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

A Petition was read from Bro^r. Goin Arthur, a Member of Lodge N°. 22, Praying for Assistance. On Motion and Seconded the same was referred to the Committee of Charity.

All Committees who have not Reported are continued and requested to make their Reports as soon as possible.

On Motion and Seconded Bro^rs. Milnor, Vancleve, Hamilton, Town and Baker were appointed a Committee to make the necessary enquiry concerning a suitable place for the meetings of this Grand Lodge.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the Third Monday in the present Month at 7 o'clock, P. M.

P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
Secry. P. T.

Philadelphia, Monday, 15th June, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Present:

Bro^r. Jonathan B. Smith, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esqr., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esqr., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro^r. Cadwallader Griffith, Senior Grand Deacon.
" Samuel Passy, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 21, 45, 52, 59, 64, 65, 67 and 68 represented.

Twelve Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Minutes of the Committee of Charity of their several Meetings since March last were read and approved. By said Minutes it appeared that on the 18th Ultimo, said Committee had granted

to the Widow Rachael Collings, the Sum of	10 Doll^s.
to Bro^r. John Lochman	5
to the Widow Heckles Faulconer . .	10
Total.	25 Doll^s.

Two letters from Lodge N°. 12 were read, One informing that Bro^r. Lewis Wolfe, S. W. of said Lodge, had been appointed by said Lodge to wait on this Grand Lodge and to transact business on behalf of said Lodge with the Grand Lodge, the Other acknowledging the Receipt of the Resolutions of this Grand Lodge respecting Delinquent Lodges, and stating by reason of divers removals, Deaths of Members and Delinquency of a Treasurer, the Funds of the Lodge were reduced that it is impossible for them to ascertain what Sum is actually due to the Grand Lodge; that they are determined to do all in their power to prevent any future delinquencies of said Lodge and that they transmit by Bro^r. Wolfe the Sum of 100 Dollars.

On Consideration Bro^rs. Milnor, Baker and Griffith were appointed a Committee to make a settlement with Bro. Wolfe respecting the G. Lodge Dues of Lodge No. 12 and that the settlement they shall so make shall be conclusive.

A Letter from "American Union Lodge N°. 1," held at Marietta, dated 6th April last, was read. It was Signed, by Order of the Lodge, by Daniel Putnam, Secretary. It com-

municated that on the night of the 24th March last, the House in which they performed their Masonic Labours, with all the Furniture, Clothing, Working Tools, and Jewels of the Royal Arch and Master's Lodge, with the Charter, had been consumed by Fire, and requested the Grand Lodge to renew their Charter in such manner as should reinstate them in their former Rank and privileges, which not being in form, nor recommended agreeably to the Bye Laws of this Grand Lodge. Resolved, That the request contained in said Letter cannot be complied with.

On Motion and Seconded, Ordered, That the Bro^r. Grand Secretary write to said Lodge informing them that according to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge certain formalities are required in Applications or Petitions for new Warrants; That the present Application, not being in form agreeably to said Regulations, it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge, however desirous so to do, to comply with the said request upon the present application, and that Bro^r. Grand Secretary transmit them a Copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

A communication from Lodge N°. 52 of the expulsion of Bro^r. W—— R—— was read.

A Memorial Signed by Several Members of Lodge N°. 59, was read. It set forth that certain Irregularities had taken place in the late Election for Officers in the said Lodge, and prayed the G. L. to Suspend or Annul the late Election in N°. 59, and order a New One, or grant them such redress as the G. L. should think proper after hearing them in Support of their Charges. On Consideration Bro^rs. Van Cleve, Hamilton, Town, Griffith and Philips were appointed a Committee to make enquiry concerning the premises and Report to the Grand Lodge.

A Letter from Bro^r. D. Hall, W. M^r. of Lodge N°. 63 held at Lewes Town, Delaware State, dated 6th Instant; it acknowledged the Receipt of the Resolutions of this Grand Lodge respecting Delinquent Lodges and informed of their determination to settle with the Grand Lodge speedily.

A Letter from the Secretary of Lodge N°. 67 was read; it

stated that Bro^r. Henry Snyder, otherwise known and called Henry Sharpe, had found out that he had been deceived by the Woman who had brought him up, whom he had always conceived to be his Mother, and had always kept from him his real Name; that he had now found his Name to be Snider, which he had adopted; that he had therefore petitioned the Lodge to have Sharpe stricken out and Snider inserted, so that in future it would read Henry Snider; which had been unanimously agreed to by the Lodge, and that by desire of Bro^r. Snider and of the Lodge, the same was communicated to the Grand Lodge in order that his name may be inserted in the Grand Lodge Books as Henry Snider instead of Henry Sharpe. On Consideration the said request was granted.

The Grand Treasurer Reported that both the Tickets of this Grand Lodge in the S^t. Augustine Church Lottery had drawn blank.

The Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at 10 o'clock, P. M., to the 23^d Instant at 7 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 23rd June, Anno Lucis 5801.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communic^a.

Present:

Bro^r. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esqr., R. W. Grand Master.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esqr., R. W. Senr. Grand Warden, P. T.
" George Morton, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, P. T.
" George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
" John McElwee, Senior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Thomas Hennessy, Junior Grand Deacon, Pro Temp.
" Felix McCarthy, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder, Grand Tyler.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 64, 65, 67, 68 and 71 represented.

Fifteen Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Account of Lodge N°. 51 of their Grand Lodge dues up to S^t. John's Day December last was receiv'd.

A Letter from Lodge N°. 56, dated 18th Instant was read; it was presented by Bro^r. Underwood, Secretary of said Lodge, who was also the bearer of $48.8, which he paid to Bro^r. Grand Treasurer on Account their Grand Lodge Dues; it was accompanied with a Return of their Members, and Returned J—— A—— Expelled.

The Committee appointed on the 15th Instant to make a settlement with Lodge N°. 12 made their Report which was read and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-
"vania: The Committee appointed on the 15th Instant to
"make a settlement with Bro^r. Lewis Wolfe, S. W. of Lodge
"N°. 12 held at Winchester, Virginia, respecting the Grand
"Lodge Dues of said Lodge, Beg leave Respectfully to Report:
"That Your Committee have inspected the Returns heretofore
"received from said Lodge, also the Account of said Lodge,
"and the Credit of Money heretofore received from them.
"That they have had a conference with Bro^r. Wolfe on the
"subject of said Account. That it appears from Bro^r. Wolfe's
"statement that by reason of the Death of a late Secretary of
"said Lodge the Books and papers of the Lodge were lost, so
"that it is impossible for them to make out regular and true
"Returns and Accounts. That said Lodge had been greatly
"reduced by removals and Deaths and that by reason of the
"Delinquency of a late Treasurer and other Causes, the Funds
"of the Lodge were now very inconsiderable. That himself
"(Bro^r. Wolfe,) and a few more of the Members had by sub-
"scription made up the Sum of 100 Dollars to tender to the
"Grand Lodge and that he had come on to Philadelphia
"solely for the purpose of effecting a settlement with the
"Grand Lodge. Your Committee upon fully considering the
"Situation of the said Lodge and their willingness to come to

"a settlement with the Grand Lodge, so clearly evinced by "Bro^r. Wolfe's having travelled the distance of 200 Miles from "home for the express purpose of obtaining the same, Agreed, "that the said Sum of One Hundred Dollars be accepted in "full payment of the Grand Lodge Dues of the said Lodge up "to S^t. John's Day in the present Month, (Brother Wolfe hav-"ing engaged on behalf of the said Lodge that from and after "that period the said Lodge would regularly transmit their "Returns, Accounts and payments). And Brother Grand "Treasurer being present Bro^r. Wolfe paid said Sum of One "Hundred Dollars into the Grand Treasurer's Hands in the "presence of Your Committee.

"Philad^a., 16 June, 1801. (Sign'd) "JAMES MILNOR,
"GEORGE A. BAKER."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition was read from Bro^r. John Rain, Member of Lodge N°. 2, praying to be furnished a List of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, their Times and places of Meeting, and praying for permission to publish a Masonic Calender Half Yearly. Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Communication from the G. L. of New Hampshire read the 1st Instant was now taken up; it contained a Copy of the Regulations of said Grand Lodge, a List of their Grand Officers for the present year, being

Bro^r. Thomas Thompson,	R. W.	Grand Master.
" Clement Storer,	"	D. Grand Master.
" Thomas Bartlett,	"	S. Grand Warden.
" John M. Clintock,	"	J. Grand Warden.
" Lyman Spalding,	"	Grand Secretary.
" Edward J. Long,	"	Grand Treasurer.

and a List of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, being 13 in Number. Said Communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Communication from the G. L. of Massachusetts read the 1st Instant was now taken up; it contained a List of their Grand Officers for the present year, being

Bro^r. Samuel Dunn,	R. W.	Grand Master.
" Joseph Loughton	"	D. Grand Master.

Bro^r.	John Boyle,	R. W.	S. Grand Warden.
"	Isaac Hurd,	"	J. Grand Warden.
"	Daniel Oliver,	"	Grand Secretary.
Rev^d. "	Thaddeus Mason Harris,	"	Correspond^g. G. Secr^y.
"	Allen Crocker,	"	Grand Treasurer.

which Communication was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Communication from the G. L. of Maryland read the 1st Instant was now taken up and referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

A Communication from the G. L. of Virginia read the 1st Instant was now taken up; it contained a List of their Grand Officers for the present year, being

Bro^r.	William Austin,	R. W.	Grand Master.
"	Alexander McRea,	"	D. Grand Master.
"	Philip R. Thompson,	"	S. Grand Deacon.
"	James Byrne,	"	J. Grand Deacon.
"	W. H. Fitzwhylsonn,	"	Grand Secretary.
"	Joseph Darmstadt,	"	Grand Treasurer.

Said Communication was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and Report thereon.

The Communication from the G. L. of Kentucky read the 1st Instant was now taken up; it communicated the Organization; it was referr'd to the Committee of Correspondence who are instructed to write a Letter to the said Grand Lodge congratulating them on their establishment and assuring them that this G. L. shall feel happy in keeping up a friendly Correspondence with them.

The Letter from Bro^r. William P. Brady, W. M^r. of Lodge N°. 22, read the 1st Instant was now taken up and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Letter from Bro^r. Alexander Irvine, W. M^r. of Lodge No. 56, read the 1st Instant was now taken up and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Letter from Bro^r. D. Hall, W. M^r. of Lodge N°. 63, read the 1st Instant was now taken up and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Letter from Bro^r. Robert Pickering, Secretary of Athol Lodge, N°. 7, Lucia, Jamaica, was read. It communicated that Moses Levy, a Jew, near Six Feet, well proportioned, and a good-looking Man; Cuthbert Potts, a squat, well-proportioned Man, by Trade a Saddler, about Five Feet Eight Inches high; and Alexander McCallum, an Officer in the Excise Office there, a thin Man and much Poxpitted in the Face, about Five Feet Seven or Eight Inches high, should be guarded against in Case of their making their appearance amongst us, they being Impostors. Bro^r. Grand Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the different Lodges.

The committee appointed on the 15th Instant, on the Memorial of sundry Members of Lodge N°. 59, made their Report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"Whereupon your Committee Report that they have heard "the parties, and submit for the Consideration of the Grand "Lodge the following Statement of Facts.

"That Lodge N°. 59 met the 9th Instant for the purpose of "electing their Officers, &c.; That the Lodge being opened in "due form, several Members were nominated Candidates for "the place of Master; That the Candidates were required by "the then Master, Bro^r. Ward, to withdraw, who himself being "a candidate withdrew also; that thereupon, Bro^r. Jackson "took the Chair and the Lodge was closed by mistake, instead "of being called off from Labour to refreshment; that the "Lodge then went into a Choice of Officers; that on its being "suggested to the Master, Pro Tempore, that the Election was "irregular, he caused the Candidates again to withdraw; that "the Lodge was then Opened in due form; that the Master, "Pro Tem., then called the Lodge off from Labour to refresh-"ments; That in this Stage of the business the parties disagree "in their Statements, the Master, Pro Tem., declaring that he "informed the Lodge after they had prepared their Ballots "that they should then proceed to the business of the Elec-"tion; that he accordingly retained the Chair, and the Elec-"tion of Master, Wardens, &c., was duly had; which statement "of the Master, Pro Tem., aforesaid, is corroborated by the "Allegations of several others. The Complainants, on the

"other Hand, declare that the Lodge being called off to re-
"freshment, as aforesaid, the Election was held in that State
"of the Lodge; That it is agreed that the installation of the
"Officers so elected was had in an Entered Apprentices' Lodge,
"which ceremony was performed by Bro^r. McElwee, former
"Master, by direction of the said Master, Pro Tem.; That Bro^r.
"Hennessy was excluded from a Vote at said Election, being
"considered by the Lodge as withdrawn therefrom. On Con-
"sideration whereof, your Committee offer the following reso-
"tions, viz.:

"1st. Resolved, That Although there appear to have been
"some mistakes, perhaps irregularities, in the conducting of
"said Election, Yet on a View of all the circumstances it is
"more eligible to confirm than annul the said Election.

"2nd. Resolved, That said Installation was wholly irregular
"and is to be considered Null and Void.

"3rd. Resolved, That the question whether Bro. Hennessy
"be, or be not a Member of Lodge N°. 59, ought to come be-
"fore the G. Lodge by his Appeal from the decision of said
"Lodge stating the Circumstances.

"June 23, 1801. (Sign'd)

"J. W. VANCLEVE, G. HAMILTON,
"I. PHILLIPS, THO^s. TOWN."

On Motion, The First of the said Resolutions proposed by the Committee was Adopted.

On Motion, The Second of the said Resolutions as proposed by the Committee was Adopted.

On Motion made and Seconded, Resolved, That Lodge N°. 59 be directed to Instal their Officers Elect before 10 o'clock to morrow Morning.

On Motion, The Third of the said Resolutions as offered by the Committee was Adopted.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

Grand Lodge Adjourned in Harmony at Half past 9 o'clock, P. M. to the 24th Instant, (to morrow,) being S^t. John the Baptist's Day, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

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